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## BRITAIN'S PLEDGE TO BELGIUM—

# Instantaneous Assistance If Germans Attack

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 24 (UP).—Britain is ready to go to the immediate assistance of Belgium if she is attacked.

This was made quite clear by Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-day when he dramatically revealed that Britain's pledges to Belgium placed the relationship of the two countries on the same footing as in 1914, namely, instantaneous Allied assistance in the event of an invasion.

## As They See It Abroad



COUNCIL OF WAR

(From the "Petit Journal.")

Mr. Chamberlain added that Great Britain is giving "full attention" to the problem of quick aid to Belgium should the Nazis attack.

He was explicit regarding the Allied obligations to the Belgians, and said that both Britain and France were bound by treaties, and had otherwise pledged to go to Belgium's defence.

Allied strategists had gone so far as to plan a "fighting action" in order to fulfil this obligation. Later in the speech, Mr. Chamberlain disclosed that Italy and Britain have carried out the 1938 agreement for an exchange of military information, and that further exchanges would be made this month.

Questioned with regard to the severing of relations with Russia, the Premier avoided a definite reply.

## Invasion of Belgium Would Assist Allies

BRUSSELS, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—The best Easter present Hitler could give Britain and France would be to attack Belgium.

This is the view expressed by a noted Belgian military expert in a Belgian paper. If Belgium opens her frontiers to the Allies, gives them the help of her fortifications and her 600,000 men, and withdraws her exports, this would be a heavy blow to Germany, he says.

## Confirms Gov't Declaration

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain was asked whether the announcement by General Viscount Gort, the Commander-in-Chief of the B.E.F., to the effect that if Belgium was attacked, the Franco-British guarantee would come into play with lightning speed represented the view of His Majesty's Government, and whether military plans for implementing it were already prepared.

The Prime Minister said that under the Locarno Treaty, His Majesty's Government undertook to go to the immediate assistance of Belgium in the event of unprovoked aggression by Germany, and the undertaking was reaffirmed subsequently, the occasion being in a statement to the King of the Belgians by the British Ambassador in Brussels in August last.

In reply to the last part of the question, the Prime Minister said that the House could rest assured that questions of how guarantees of all kinds could be implemented had received the Government's full attention.

## ROOSEVELT ATTACKED

Labour Leader Says He Broke Faith

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—The view that President Roosevelt would not be nominated to the re-election of the Presidency was expressed by Mr. John L. Lewis, the Labour Leader, in a bitter attack on the Democratic Party's administration before the United Mine Workers' Convention.

Mr. Lewis declared that the Democratic Party had failed to keep faith with labour and added: "Should the Democratic Party be coerced or dragged into nominating Roosevelt, I am convinced that with conditions now confronting the nation and the dis-satisfaction which is permeating the minds of the people, his candidacy would result in 'unconscionable' defeat."

## Russians Can't Have Canadian Wheat

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OTTAWA, Jan. 24 (UP).—An Order-in-Council has forestalled the reported plan to ship 1,000,000 bushels of wheat to Russia. The Order forbids the export of any articles "to any neutral country contiguous to territories under occupation or control of the enemy without a permit from the Minister of National Revenue."

It is officially explained that the government acted as soon as it learned of the possibility that certain exports might reach Russia.

## Heavy Russian Stakes On Ladoga Offensive

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—As violent fighting continues north of Lake Ladoga, where the Russians are attempting to turn the Finns' flank, it becomes more evident that the Soviet Command is staking a great deal on the offensive.

## CANADIAN WAR PLANS

\$30,000,000 Programme Is Revealed

OTTAWA, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—A programme involving the purchase of well over U.S.\$30,000,000 of naval units and aircraft was announced by Mr. Howe, the Canadian Minister of Transport, on behalf of the War Supply Board.

The programme will tax the Canadian shipyards and aeroplane factories to the utmost capacity.

Mr. Howe said that orders have been or are being placed for 48 anti-submarine boats of a whale-catcher design, 28 mine-sweepers, a large fleet of small motor boats and cars for about 4,000 aircraft.

Mr. Howe revealed that the Inglis factory in Toronto, which is executing an order for 12,000 Bren guns for the British and Canadian Governments, was about three months ahead of the production schedule, and would start deliveries in April instead of July.

## Support For Hertzog

Nationalist Leader Also Wants Peace

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—When the debate on General Hertzog's motion was resumed in the Assembly, Dr. Malan, leader of the Nationalist Republic Party, said that he wanted to emphasise the view that South Africa should be neutral, and he was not actuated by any feeling against Britain or France.

## Should Be Friendly

He very much regretted the war and the combination of nations opposing each other. If there were two European countries which should be friendly, they were Britain and Germany who had made the greatest contributions to western civilisation and Christendom.

The greatest danger to Europe was Bolshevism. The war between Britain and Germany had put Europe in the most dangerous situation it had been for a long time.

"We are convinced that there is no other way but to make an end not only to our participation in the war but of our British connection."

## Loan To Finland

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—The Senate Banking Committee has approved the increase of \$100,000,000 in the capital of the Export and Import Bank to permit a non-military loan to Finland.

## Japanese Naval Convoys For Merchantmen?

# ASAMA INCIDENT MAY BE SETTLED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 24 (UP).—The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Shigemitsu, and the British Foreign Minister, Lord Halifax, held a further meeting this morning.

It is understood that they agreed that it was mutually desirable to adjust the Asama Maru case amicably.

A further meeting, with this agreement as a basis, is to be held.

Meanwhile, it is reported here that Japan intends to assign naval convoys to Japanese merchant ships.

There is at present no official confirmation of this report.

## Relations With Soviet Russia

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain expressed regret that he was not yet in a position to give a definite date for the issue of a White Paper dealing with the negotiations between the British and Soviet governments.

Answering a supplementary question on the date of publication of the Anglo-Soviet White Paper, Mr. Chamberlain gave an assurance that the delay in publication was not caused by the fact that the documents were being edited in any way, and that the full facts would be given.

## Requires Careful Consideration

Asked by Major General Sir Alfred Knox whether in view of the unprovoked aggression on Finland, the Government would now break off relations with Russia, Mr. Chamberlain declared that the decision whether or not to break off relations with the Soviet Government was one that would require most careful consideration in all its aspects.

It was not one to be dealt with satisfactorily in a question and answer.

## INDIAN PRINCES PROMISE AID

Regret They Cannot Fight In France

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—The Nawab of Bhopal, who rules over 72,000 Hindus to-day, expressed the determination of the Indian Princes to help Britain in the war to the last ounce of strength and until victory is won.

He was speaking at the farewell banquet to the retiring agent of the Governor-General.

The Nawab regretted that Indian Princes were not allowed to fight in France. Hitler's war, he said, was just as much against India as against Britain.

"We have no intention of bargaining for the price of our help in services," he said after regretting that Indian Princes were not allowed to enlist as privates in the army.

## ARMY OFFICER'S WIFE SPANKED BY HUSBAND

Heavy Damages Against Lieutenant's Parents In Enticement Suit

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—A special jury of five men and two women to-day awarded £3,500 damages in a King's Bench decision to Mrs. Valerie Porter, the 26-year-old wife of an Army Lieutenant, who alleged that her husband's parents enticed him away from her.

The award was made jointly against her father-in-law and mother-in-law, of Grosvenor Square, Mayfair.

The jury took nearly two hours in considering the verdict, which was given on the action's eighth day of hearing.

The Judge entered judgment with costs and granted a stay of execution for 21 days regarding £3,500 of the damages, pending notice of appeal. He ordered that the balance of £500 be paid to the wife within seven days, the remaining £3,000 to be paid into the court.

Mrs. Valerie Porter alleged that her husband, Bertie, spanked her in her mother-in-law's flat. She then hit her mother-in-law and was flung out of the flat. Summing up, the judge said that the son was forced to choose between his wife and parents; and a word of love on that fatal evening might well have prevented "this tragic happening."

"No one had suggested that there was an act of love, an act of kindness, or a kind word spoken. It is a great pity that there was not."

Valerie Porter was radiant with smiles when the jury announced the verdict.

## Britons In Poland Suffer Hardships

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—Asked in the House of Commons to-day whether he had any information regarding conditions of British subjects in Poland, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that the Government had news relating to a total of 74 British subjects and 268 Poles, about half of whom were in German-occupied territory and the remainder in the area occupied by Soviet forces.

## Nazi Hindrances

All were believed to be suffering considerable hardship. Efforts had been made to supply those in German-occupied area with parcels of food through the Red Cross, but the German Government had refused the necessary facilities.

As regards those in the Soviet area, the International Red Cross was examining the possibility of affording relief.

The British Ambassador in Moscow had sent members of his staff to Lwow to organise and assist in the withdrawal of British subjects and Polish citizens, and had made funds available for this purpose.

## The Same Old Technique

Fabulous Claims Of Nazi Sinkings

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—German propaganda has been making more fallacious statements, this time about the loss of British oil tankers. The Germans claim to have sunk 20 British tankers, according to one paper. In actual fact, however, six of these ships were ordinary cargo ships and not tankers, while three others are still sailing on their normal courses.

## Just The Extra Nought

The Germans also exaggerate the tonnage of the ships sunk. For instance, the coastal tanker, Africa Shell, one of those sunk by the Graf Spee before it met its well-deserved fate, was actually a ship of only 700 tons. Berlin papers, however, claim that it was of 7,000 tons—just an extra nought.

It is pointed out in London that actually the Allied tanker position to-day is better than it was at the outbreak of war.

## SKETLAND BOMBING

German Air Raid Was Abortive

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 24 (UP).—It has been confirmed that German raiders dropped at least six bombs on the Shetland Islands, in the course of an attack to-day. Four fell in a sparsely populated district on the central mainland, where there are no military objectives.

The place where the two other bombs fell has not yet been located. No damage was caused. It is reported that the planes were German Lightning machines.

According to one unconfirmed report, the raiders bombed a ship at sea to the east of the Shetlands. Explosions were heard by townspeople.

## Dodged Behind Clouds

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—Three planes, believed to be Germans, flew high over Shetlands to-day. The air-raid warning lasted half an hour. British fighters ascended but failed to make contact.

An eye-witness stated that the planes dodged behind the clouds and one dived towards the harbour but did not attack it, though a steamer was moored at the quay.

It is learned that six bombs were dropped. Four fell in a sparsely populated district where no military objectives exist.

No damage is reported.

## Norway's Heavy Shipping Losses

OSLO, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—It is announced that since the war began, Norway has lost 32 ships of a total tonnage of 112,000 and that 160 sailors have lost their lives.

## BRITAIN'S POLICY UNCHANGED

"We Recognise Only Chiang Kai-shek"

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—"The only Government of China recognised by His Majesty's Government, and with which they are in diplomatic relations, is the National Government of China, of which Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is Chairman of the Supreme Defence Council and President of the Executive Council."

This unequivocal statement was made amidst Ministerial cheers by the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, to the House of Commons to-day.

Replying to a question, Mr. Chamberlain said that the Japanese Government had, on January 9, issued a PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

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### INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 17th Jan. 25.  
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon Jan. 25.  
Canton Jan. 25.  
Haiphong, Hanoi and Port Bayard Jan. 25.

U.S.A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco, date 23rd, December 1939) Jan. 25.  
Manila Jan. 25.  
Shanghai and Amoy Jan. 25.

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 13th January Jan. 27.  
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London, date 17th January Jan. 27.

Straits Jan. 27.  
Haiphong Jan. 27.  
Japan Jan. 27.  
Japan and Shanghai Jan. 27.

Shanghai Jan. 27.  
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 26th Jan. 28.

Canton Jan. 28.  
Haiphong and Port Bayard Jan. 28.  
Japan and Shanghai Jan. 28.

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### OUTWARD MAILS

Thursday, Jan. 25  
Sandakan 12.30 p.m.  
Shanghai 2.30 p.m.  
Tientsin (parcels only) 2.30 p.m.  
Haiphong 3.00 p.m.  
Bangkok 7.00 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 26  
Straits 1.30 p.m.  
Shanghai 2.30 p.m.  
Port Bayard 2.30 p.m.  
Parcels only for Tientsin 3.30 p.m.  
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday, 8th February K.P.O.

Reg. 5 p.m.  
Ord. 5.30 p.m.  
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Reg. 5 p.m.  
Ord. 5.30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 27

Amoy 8.30 a.m.  
Saloon 10.30 a.m.  
Shanghai (Parcels only) 2.30 p.m.  
Shanghai and Japan 3.30 p.m.  
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 4th February K.P.O.

Reg. 5 p.m.  
Ord. 5.30 p.m.  
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Reg. 5 p.m.  
Ord. 5.30 p.m.  
Sunday, Jan. 28

Amoy and Shanghai 8 a.m.  
Bangkok 9 a.m.  
Port Bayard and Hanoi 9 a.m.  
Japan 9.00 a.m.  
Monday, Jan. 29

Canton 7.15 a.m.  
Haiphong (parcels only) 1.00 p.m.  
Canton 7 a.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 30

Parcels 11 a.m.  
Letters 11.30 a.m.  
Haiphong 2 p.m.  
Port Bayard 2.30 p.m.  
Shanghai, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No parcels for Canada)—due San Francisco, 10th February K.P.O.

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By Order of the Board,  
W. F. SIMMONS,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, 3rd February to Thursday, 15th February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1940.

### NOTICE TO SHIPPERS

Notice is hereby given that freight rates will be increased by approximately 15% effective February 23, 1940. A new tariff is now in preparation.

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Hongkong, January 24, 1940.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet.	Ann. Rent.	Upst. Price
1	4211	Adjoining Kowloon Island Lot No. 4211, Mong Kok, Kowloon.	N. S. E. W.	11,150	\$ 235	\$ 16,770
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2	4212	Adjoining Kowloon Island Lot No. 4212, Mong Kok, Kowloon.	N. S. E. W.	10,700	\$ 155	\$ 15,725
			As per sale plan.			

## Britain Winning Economic War

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Economic Warfare states that there were 35 neutral ships on Tuesday in the three Contraband Control bases in the United Kingdom. Of these ships, 25 had been there for five days or less.

During the week, the Contraband Committee had considered the cargoes of 80 ships, which had arrived since January 13, and 83 outstanding cargoes from the previous week.

In 52 cases, the entire cargoes were released.

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# CO-RESPONDENT DR. STRUCK OFF THE REGISTER

A DOCTOR who was co-respondent in a divorce suit, was ordered to be struck off the Medical Register by the General Medical Council recently.

He is Dr. George Holman, registered as of Dover House-road, Roehampton, S.W.

It was alleged that he committed misconduct with Mrs. Olive May Dunand, that he stood in professional relationship with Mrs. Dunand and her husband, Mr. Ernest Lemoine Dunand, and that he was guilty of infamous conduct in a professional respect.

Mr. Winterbottom, solicitor to the council, read a typescript of evidence given in the Divorce Court, and said that Mr. Dunand was a director and lived at East Sheen, S.W.

He married when he was twenty-five and his wife twenty-three, and there were four daughters.

The evidence showed that according to Mr. Dunand, Dr. Holman was in attendance when Mrs. Dunand's second child was born.

Dr. Dunand spoke of noticing a change in his wife's affections in 1934 and the following year she told him she no longer loved him.

Mr. Thomas Carthew, K.C., for Dr. Holman, said that he married Mrs. Dunand immediately after the decree nisi was made absolute.

Affection Grew

Dr. Holman had been qualified for thirty years, Mr. Carthew continued: "Here is a man who, apart from this, has a most honourable and high character both in regard to his professional work and his private associations."

"From the evidence which has been received this affection between the doctor and Mrs. Dunand grew, and apparently had been maturing for some time."

"However serious and heinous in your eyes this offence must be if you only beg on his behalf and of his wife that you will temper justice with mercy."

After considering the case in camera, the president announced that the facts alleged against the doctor had been proved, and that they had found him guilty of infamous conduct in a professional respect.

## ALSO OFF

Dr. Arthur Patrick Kennedy, registered as of New Bridge-street, Wolverhampton, who was sentenced in June to eight months' imprisonment for conspiring in an offence concerning two women, was struck off the register recently by the General Medical Council.

A petition for clemency signed by nearly 4,000 friends and patients was presented to the council.

## NAZI SCUTTLING TO BE STOPPED

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—The Civil Lord of the Admiralty stated in the House of Commons to-day that special orders had been given to His Majesty's ships with the view of frustrating the regular practice of the crews of German merchant ships of scuttling their ships to avoid capture.

## All Nazis In Poland To Carry Arms

ACCORDING to the German controlled Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau, all members of the German minority in German-occupied districts of Poland between the ages of 17 and 45 have been instructed to report for service in "self-protection organisations." They will be armed with machine-guns and rifles.

These organisations, which will be modelled on the notorious 1919 Free Corps, are clearly intended to terrorise and suppress the Polish population and to make any attempt at resistance to Nazi orders impossible.

The Polish town of Kalisz, which in 1914 was the first to be entered by the German Army invading Russian territory, and was destroyed by the Germans when the Polish population refused to submit to German rule, has now, 25 years later, again become the scene of German brutality.

Germans Imported

Kalisz, with its 70,000 inhabitants, 80 per cent. of whom are Poles and 20 per cent. Jews, has been incorporated in the Reich and put under the control of the administration of the so-called Warthegau.

The whole Town Council has been deposed and a new, entirely German, council appointed, all the members of which have been brought to Kalisz from the Reich. The German authorities in Kalisz have announced that the whole population of the city will be deported to make room for Germans from the Baltic countries.

The youth of Kalisz, boys and girls between 10 and 18 years of age, both Polish and Jewish, has been put into barracks to be forcibly deported from the town.

Church A Prison

The church of the Bernardin monks, the largest church in Kalisz, has been transformed by the German authorities into a prison, where the young Poles who refused deportation are confined. The Gestapo has decreed that Poles and Jews have the right to receive only half the food rations to which the Germans are entitled. Executions are a daily occurrence.

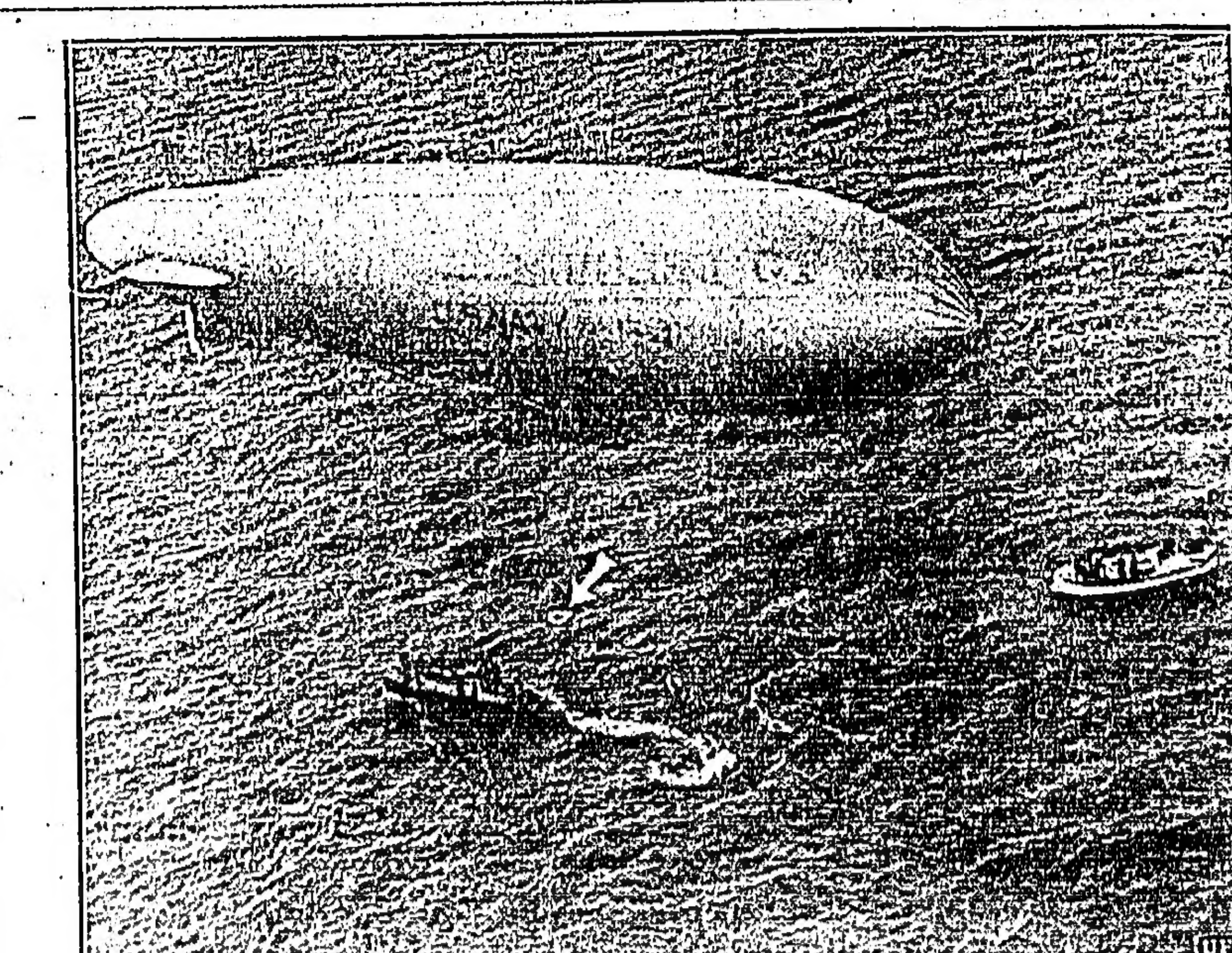
A Catholic priest and five land-owners were executed in the marketplace on market-day at noon in the presence of the population. The only charge brought against them was that they were in possession of arms. These proved to be sporting rifles.

Nazi Houses For Army Officers

SINGAPORE.—Shortage of houses for military officers and civil servants in Singapore has led the Straits Settlements Government to take over property formerly owned by German subjects in the colony.

The former German club, Deutsches Haus, is likely to be converted into government quarters for European officers for the duration of the war. Five houses in the residential area of the town have already been allocated for civil and military officers.

The ultimate disposal of the German club and other German property will not be decided until after the war.



Naval airmen and Coast Guardmen co-operated in first rescue by lighter-than-air craft above open sea. "Test" was held off New Jersey coast opposite Lakehurst air station. Here Navy blimp J-4 hovers overhead awaiting seaman to leap from picket boat and swim to rubber lifeboat, indicated by arrow. Rubber boat is then lifted with seaman to blimp overhead, distance of 100 feet.

## GERMAN PUBLICIST ATTACKS MOSCOW

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 5.

AS Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia were to-day preparing for their forthcoming talks in Berlin which some Nazi circles claim will lead to a military alliance between the two countries, Herr Rudolf Kirchher, editor of the Frankfurter Zeitung, made a thinly veiled attack on Bolshevism and its danger to Europe.

Berlin reports say that his article caused a sensation in Germany, for on the surface at least it cut right across the official Nazi foreign policy of the Ribbentrop pro-Russian school.

He wrote: "We have in Europe not only the dual-between Germany and Britain, but the fact that the longer the war lasts the more our part of the world and its surroundings will be influenced by those terrible currents which are far more important than the battle between these two great duellists."

"Problems will arise which will make this war between Germany and Britain seem still more absurd than it appears to be even to-day."

There is no doubt from the context of the article that by "terrible currents" Kirchher means the danger of Bolshevism.

Among foreigners in Berlin there were three explanations for this attack. The first, and most unlikely, is that the article was launched deliberately to raise Germany's price in the talks with Russia.

Peace Move?

The second is that it is just another part of Hitler's peace offensive raising the bogey of Europe entanglement.

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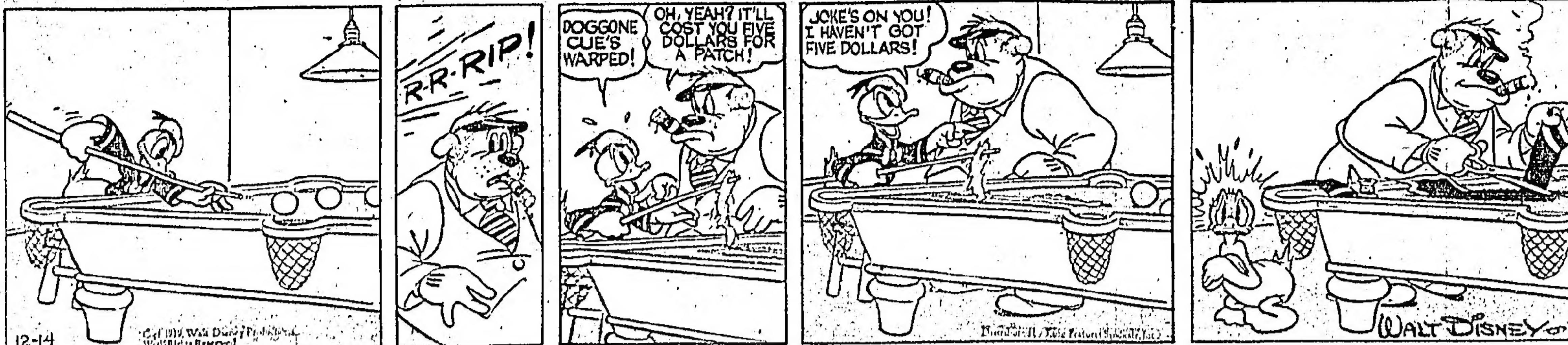
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## Uruguayans Cheer Themselves Hoarse In Welcome To The Ajax BRITISH WARSHIP'S TRIUMPHANT ENTRY INTO MONTEVIDEO

From Daily Mail Special Correspondent

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 4.

THE British cruiser Ajax swung proudly into Montevideo Harbour to-day to receive a welcome which could not have been greater if she had been entering her home port.

The tens of thousands of Uruguayans who saw her fight the Admiral Graf Spee once again crowded the waterfront. This time they cheered themselves hoarse and hurled confetti and streamers as the embarrassed British officers and men stepped ashore.

Across the River Plate at Buenos Aires, H.M.S. Achilles was given a similar reception by an Argentine crowd.

Many among the welcoming thousands here waved Union Jacks.

Some carried huge posters marked "Hail the Nelson touch" above their bobbing heads. Again and again they broke through the police lines.

It was a triumphant but strenuous return to port for the Ajax company. The men were mobbed by shouting, gesticulating people who almost bowed the sailors off their feet. A petty officer said he had "seen nothing like it since the Cup Final."

Police had to force a way through the throng to help the sailors into buses which were to take them to a barbecue (feast) at the Sayago Polo Club.

At the Plaza de la Independencia—Montevideo's Piccadilly-circus—the buses were held up for 15 minutes by the crowds.

Girls leapt on to the running boards to present bouquets to the men and shake their hands.

The greatest cheer of all was reserved for Rear-Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, the man whose genius won the battle.

Shy and a little nonplussed by all the excitement, he ducked below decks when he saw the crowd trying to charge their way on to his ship.

At last the British Minister, Mr. Millington Drake, was able to struggle aboard to welcome him. After a conference they came ashore guarded by a strong force of police.

### Passed Graf Spee

There was a victory luncheon at the British Legation, and to-night a formal dinner and dance is being given for officers and men.

To-morrow they will be entertained by the Uruguayan Pro-Allies Committee. To-day was not without its drama. To drop anchor at Montevideo the cruiser had to steam up harbour past the burned-out wreck of the scuttled Graf Spee.

Officers and men lined the decks and saluted. Soon after the Ajax fired a salute, which was answered by the shore batteries and the sirens of ships in the harbour.

Ajax also passed near the interned Nazi supply ship Tacama, which is still lying in the outer harbour under the command of Uruguayan naval officials. German seamen watched curiously the progress of the British ship.

Montevideans were surprised to see comparatively few signs of battle on the Ajax, though it was noticed that two of her turrets were scarred.

No repairs will be carried out here. The Ajax is paying a purely courtesy visit which is not expected to last more than two days—long enough to give the crew time to stretch their legs ashore.

### The Battle—By Sir Henry

Sir Henry Harwood gave his first account of the battle to-day. The Graf Spee, he said, was sighted at 0.10 a.m. on December 13.

"She advanced and opened fire at 0.18, with one turret firing at the Exeter and the other at the Ajax or Achilles."

"We all went at full speed and attacked in accordance with a pre-arranged plan."

"The Exeter was on one flank, the Ajax and the Achilles on the other. The Exeter was hit early on. The bridge was wrecked and some guns were put out of action, but she went on closing in."



No sign of life seems to remain in this former German village, somewhere in No Man's Land on the Western Front. No human is abroad no vehicle moves, not even a dog roams the streets of this deserted place. It's a ghost town now, for all the inhabitants left when war broke out. Note barricade set up by retreating French. Picture passed by German censor.

## SHE SAID 'BLESS': HE SAID 'CHEERIO'

From GILES ROMILLY  
Daily Express Staff Reporter

REYKJAVIK (Iceland).—Mrs. —, wife of the R.A.F. officer who landed in Iceland, went away, and then returned to be interned, had her first lesson in Icelandic recently.

She is teaching herself the language with the help of a primer which cost 15s. in Reykjavik.

She and her husband (their name is being kept secret) are staying with Dr. Olafson at Bessastadir, and I found her in the drawing-room trying to master the thirty-three-letter Icelandic alphabet. The doctor's wife and his pretty daughter stood over her correcting her mistakes and praising her well-written letters.

Mrs. — said: "It is strange that the first foreign language I should attempt should be Icelandic. That is something I owe to my husband. I never thought that once having

## Mourners Rationed To One Dress

HITLER has just made a concession to Germany's women.

They are allowed to buy black materials for one mourning dress if they can produce documentary proof that a near relative has lost his life in action.

The Nazi authorities, however, seem to fear that this benefit for war widows may be misused.

They have therefore forbidden cloth dealers to hand the cloth to the customer. She must leave the address of her dressmaker behind.

The black cloth will then be sent to the dressmaker, who is warned that under no circumstances must it be used for anything but a mourning dress.

GERMAN workers have been roused by the latest manifestation of Nazi meanness.

A decree has been issued which instructs employers that their workers must make up working time which they lose during an air raid warning. Working time cut short by such alarms must be made up within six weeks or workers will have 50 per cent. of their normal wages for the lost time deducted.

"BRITAIN, the robber-State," is the subject of Munich's big New Year exhibition. It gives a picture of the "murderous activity of Britain during the last 140 years."

The first victim of Britain's "assassination campaign," according to the Nazis, is Tsar Paul I of Russia, who was killed in 1801.

He was followed by Abraham Lincoln and King Carlos of Portugal. Indeed, every murder, or even accident that occurred to an international personage during the last 140 years is placed to the account of the British Secret Service.

The "table of crimes" includes, of course, the attack against Hitler in the Munich beer-house, and the exhibition is described as the result of many decades of research work.

## Al Capone As A Squire

TERMINAL ISLAND, California Nov.—(UP).—Al Capone will spend the rest of his life according to relatives, as the squire of a Florida estate.

His Irish wife, Mae Capone, and their son are expected to join Capone at the Florida winter home acquired when he was czar of the Chicago underworld.

He is expected to lead a quiet life in Florida. He will be practically a prisoner in his own home.

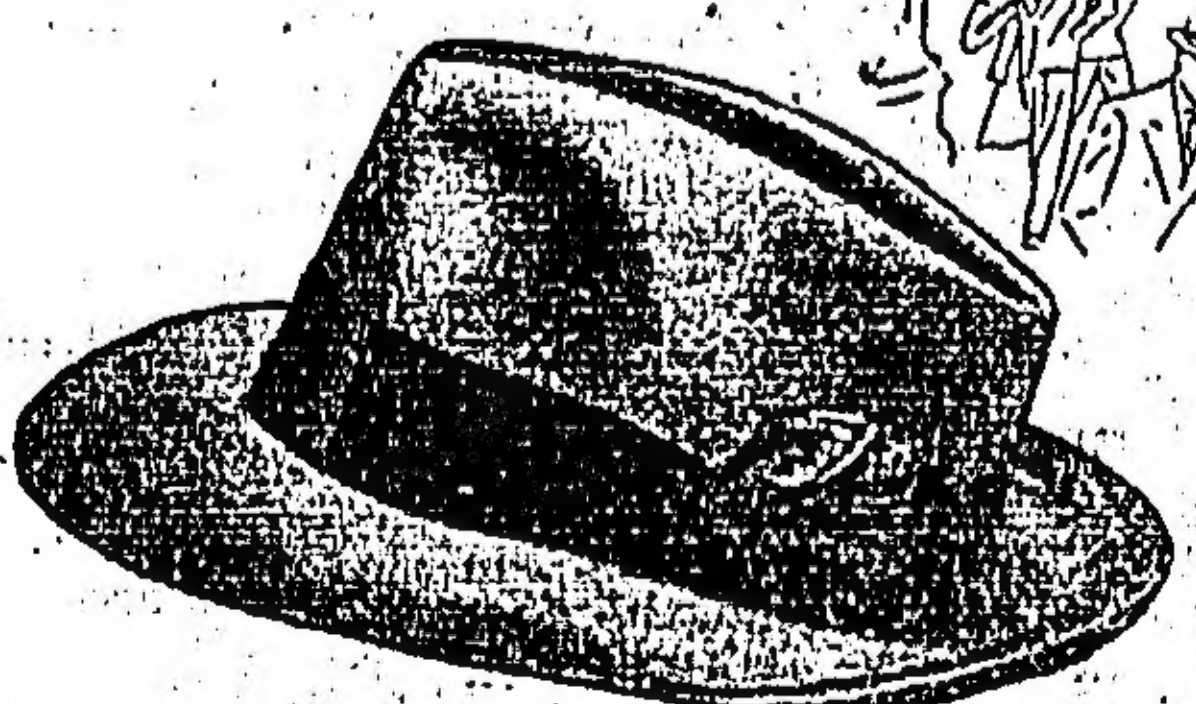
He suffers from paresis, is partially paralyzed, and has a great "fear complex" that some of his Chicago enemies will "catch up with him."

Capone was convicted on income tax evasion charges in Chicago Federal Court on October 16, 1931. He entered Atlanta penitentiary on May 4, 1932, and was transferred to "The Rock" in San Francisco Bay August 4, 1934.



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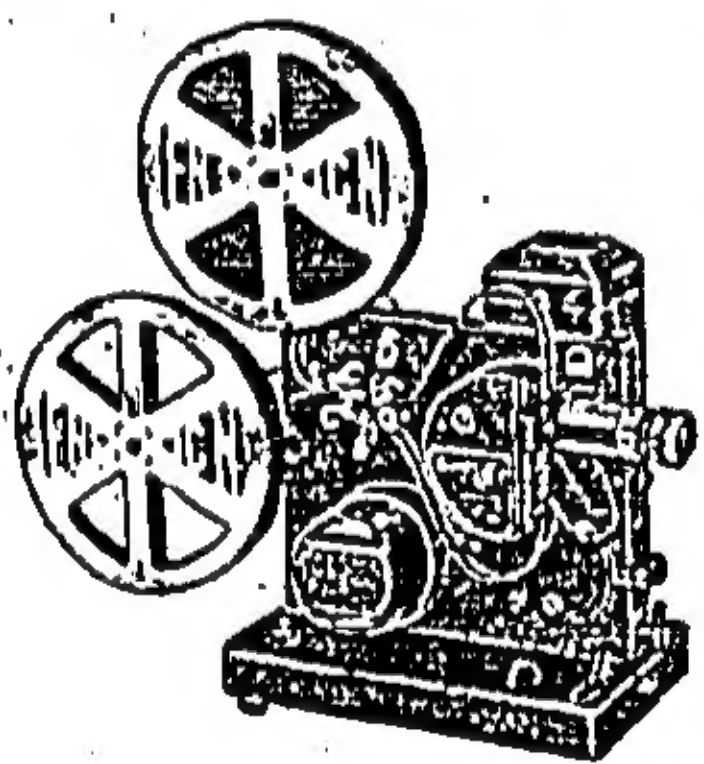
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### Danger At Sea

THE WAR moves to a grimmer  
stage with the indiscriminate  
mining of shipping routes by  
Nazi Germany.

Already this campaign has  
brought to Germany a number  
of formidable successes.

It would be foolish for us to  
close our eyes to that fact or to  
attempt to minimise it in any  
way.

And it would be idle to deny  
that the magnetic mine intro-  
duces a weapon which it is  
difficult to completely combat,  
as we have combated the U-boat.

This indiscriminate mining of  
shipping routes, which already  
has claimed its greatest successes  
against neutral shipping, is of  
course absolutely opposed to  
international law.

But it was always foolish to  
expect that Nazi Germany would  
pay any respect to that—and  
few in Britain or France made  
the mistake of thinking that it  
would.

Our naval experts and  
scientists have already found a  
counter to the magnetic mine.

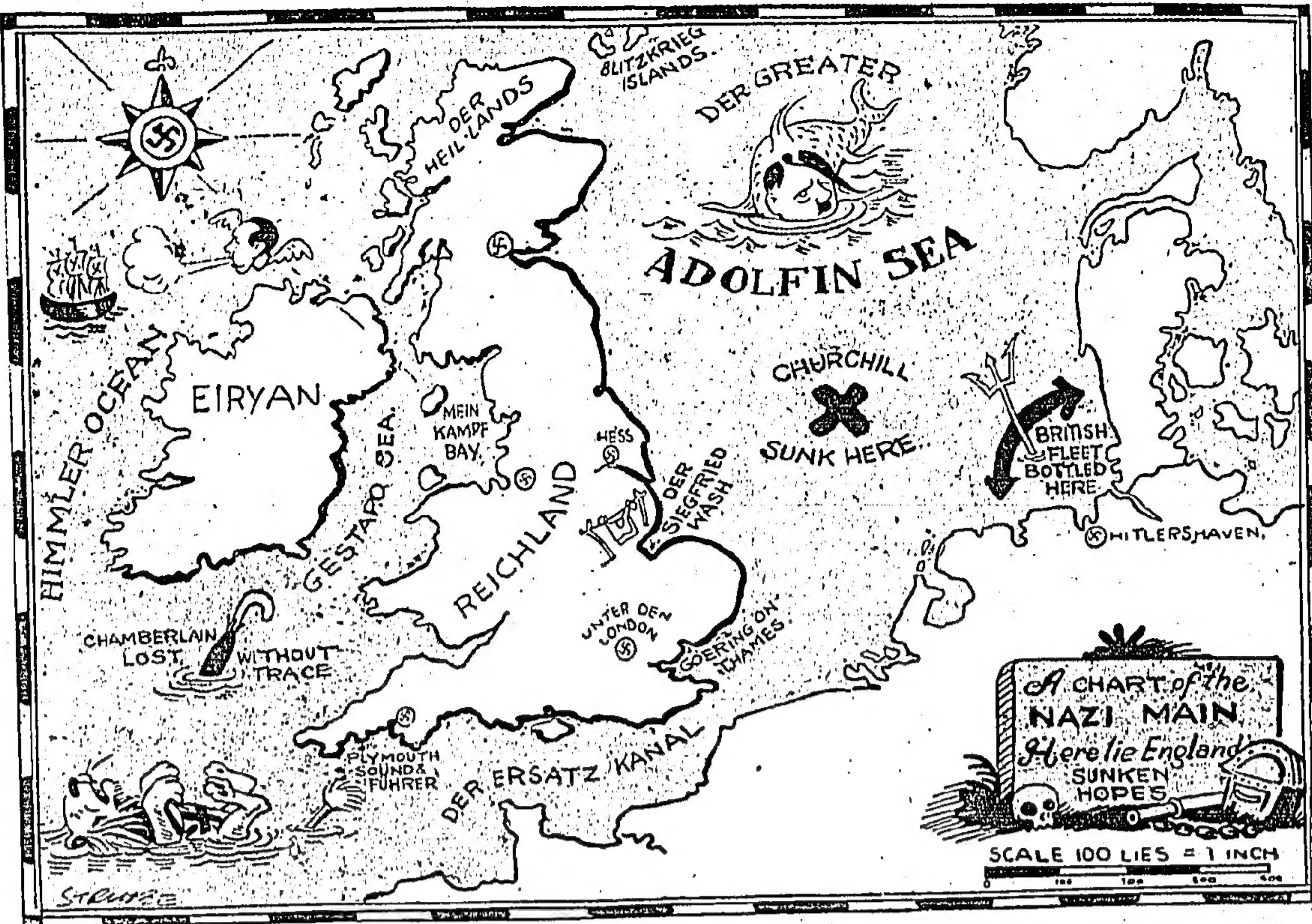
But, just as in the last war,  
we must be prepared to face  
shipping losses until peace comes  
again.

Against the submarine we  
have so far been extremely  
successful. This murder weapon  
of the sea is more difficult to  
combat.

The British people, who have  
been encouraged by the successes  
of the Navy against the sub-  
marine menace, will not be cast  
down by any losses from mines.

All that they will ask is that  
there shall at no time be any  
attempt to hide from them the  
real facts of the situation, how-  
ever serious.

We flourish best on the truth,  
whether it be good or ill.



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(A map has been published in the German papers showing how Germany rules the North Sea.)

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# MINES WEEPING

The Navy's Most

Dangerous Job

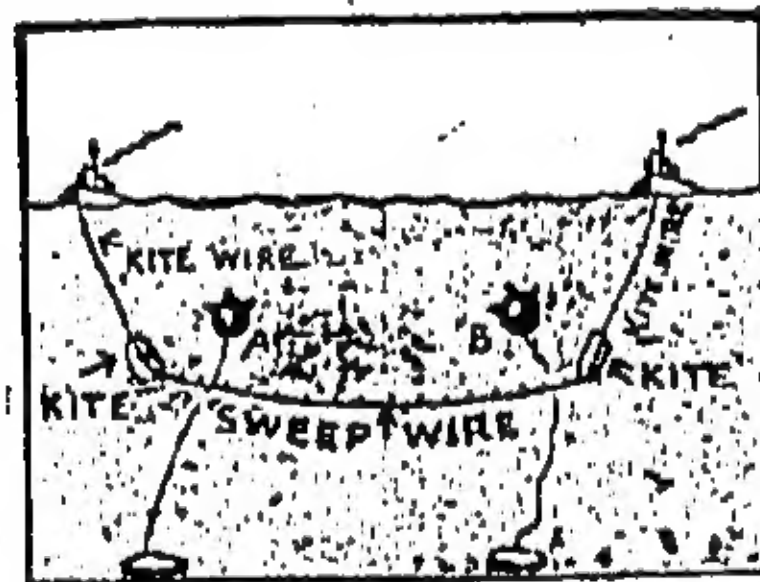
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"The Secretary of the  
Admiralty regrets to an-  
nounce the loss of H.M.  
destroyer Exmouth by the  
explosion of a German mine  
or torpedo. It is feared  
that all the crew have been  
lost. The next of kin of  
casualties have been in-  
formed and a casualty list  
will be issued shortly."

A naval officer looked over my  
shoulder and read this message  
in my hand. "Well," he said,  
"that's another of them."

★

HOW many more times  
will my colleagues  
and myself read such messages  
during the war? During the  
four years three months and  
seven days of the last our pre-  
decessors printed an average of  
one a week.



A. Mine about to enter sweep.  
B. Mine moving cable cut by sweep,  
and mine rising to surface where it will be  
destroyed.

During that war the Germans  
laid 43,636 mines, and at one  
period one sweeper was lost for  
every two mines swept up. Each  
time half the crew was killed  
or drowned—not to mention  
scalded hands and faces, severed  
or broken limbs, nerves shattered  
by a bloody ordeal which  
those who survived it could not  
escape to the end of their days.

★

TWO hundred and four-  
teen times such a  
communique was sent out by the  
Admiralty and behind the for-  
mal phrases lay each time a  
story of the courage and endur-  
ance of men which could it have  
been told, "would have stirred  
the heart of every Englishman."  
But because of the secrecy  
with which the Navy must work  
in war the story could not be  
told then. Because of the re-  
tardance of those men to talk  
about themselves it is even now  
only partly known.

In a rare moment of frank-  
ness one of them once said  
"Minesweeping is a dog's life,  
only no dog has ever had to put  
up with anything like it."

ON the readiness of Shetlands to the Channel the  
some thousands of submarines dropped a deadly  
trail; while big ocean-going craft  
laid fields in the White Sea, the  
Bay of Biscay and off the coasts  
of America, the South China  
Sea, South Africa, Aden, India,  
New Zealand, Australia and  
Ceylon.

A sixteen-inch gun in a  
battleship is as much good as  
a penny whistle when it comes  
to cleaning the seas of mines.  
This is where the fishermen of  
Britain came in literally to save  
our bacon and bread and butter  
and almost every kind of good  
on which the people of these  
islands depend.

In the beginning, this country  
had a handful of old gunboats and  
trawlers. In 1918 a fleet of  
726 fully-equipped vessels was  
sweeping a 1,000-mile channel  
every day to give safe passage  
to the merchantmen.

When the terrible danger was  
fully realised fishing skippers  
and their crews volunteered  
from every port to do this work,  
at first under the direction of  
trained naval men and then  
alone.

In their ranks went some who  
had never previously set foot in  
a rowing boat, let alone a sea-  
going craft—some, astonishing-  
ly enough, for the sake of  
adventure—some because, al-  
though they refused to take life,  
they were willing to risk losing  
their own to save others. Among  
these were the Quakers and  
other Conscientious Objectors.

And this is the work they  
willingly and even eagerly un-  
dertook and which as you read this  
thousands of their successors  
are enduring now.

Every day a channel clear of  
mines must be kept open round  
the entire length of our coasts.

Every day now from unnamed  
ports sail converted trawlers  
which a few weeks ago were en-  
gaged in fishing. Epics of the  
hardhood of their crews in  
peace-time have been written.  
Their war job is fantastically  
perilous.

There is not a second of any  
minute of any hour of any day  
in which they may not be more  
than a hair's-breadth from being  
blown sky high and probably  
never seen again. If they are

not killed outright they may be  
horribly mutilated and die of  
wounds and exposure in a wintry  
sea, or suffocate in the exploded  
fumes of a mine, or drift for  
hours on a piece of wreckage  
suffering the torments of the  
damned from injuries or the  
freezing waters.

★

MINES are usually sown  
in fields—a few hun-  
dred at the entrance to some  
channel or harbour or, as in the  
last few days, in a part of the  
open sea used by our own and  
neutral shipping on their lawful  
business.

Their destruction is not only  
a matter of courage and endur-  
ance, but of scientific calculation  
and precision.

The most common method is  
shown in the accompanying il-  
lustration: A sweep wire is pass-  
ed between two sweeping ships  
which steam abreast. This is  
kept in the water at a prede-  
termined depth by "kites" which  
weigh it down. Often the sweep  
wire has a serrated edge. This  
cuts the cable of a mine moored  
to the bed of the sea and brings  
it to the surface to be destroyed  
by gun or rifle fire.

Nothing can be seen—except  
the cold grey waste of the  
waters. Unlike a submarine, a  
mine cannot be located by an  
apparatus. Blindly the sweepers  
steam ahead until a mine is  
caught and brought up or until  
the hull is impaled upon one  
of the leaden horns and the little  
vessel of probably not more than  
250 tons is blown to fragments  
by an explosion which could  
destroy a Queen Mary or a Hood.

★

THAT was probably how  
the Exmouth met her  
end on Tuesday. Frequently a  
minefield is only located when a  
ship is lost.

Then into the sea of death sail  
the sweepers, knowing that  
every moment may be their last.

From the Admiralty may come  
communications announcing briefly  
the loss of one, or two, or three,  
but in a few days the way is  
safe again.

We do not know how many  
mines are being laid now or the  
toll of life and material that will  
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ship and suffering that may have  
to be endured to defeat them,  
be assured that from the humble  
cottages of the fisher-folk of  
Britain will come men to endure  
it until there is not a mine left  
in the sea.

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## OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

### German Raid On Shetlands

LONDON, Jan. 24 (UP).—Air raid alarm stricken for over half an hour in the Shetland Islands to-day and Royal Air Force fighters took off to intercept three German planes, presumably German, which flew over at a high altitude. Six bombs were dropped but they did no damage. One dived over the harbour but did not attack. The three planes eventually disappeared in the clouds.

### Live Wire Danger

#### Contractors' Employees Should Be Warned

Recommending that in future contractors' foremen should inform painters of the danger from live wires while working in connection with electrical apparatus, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death at an inquest held before Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

The inquiry was into the death of Li Chiu, 25, who died following an electric shock received while he was painting an electric standard at Pak Sha Wan on November 7.

The jury comprised Messrs. L. du Silva (Foreman), Chun Kin-tung, and Wing Kin-to.

Inspector Russell appeared for the Police.

Mr. Sheldon said Li had been employed as a painter by the Yuen Fat Company, contractors, at Pak Sha Wan. The electric supply was for the married quarters of the Indian Officers at that place.

On November 7, Staff Sergeant G. R. Bateman issued instructions for two iron standards to be painted and Li was ordered to do the work.

At 1 p.m., a four-year-old boy, Mohamed Marood, saw Li climb a ladder, which was against one standard. He started working and suddenly stretched out a hand and caught hold of the bare electric wire. His head went backwards and he fell to the ground.

Dr. R. E. Alvarez, medical officer in charge of Victoria Public Mortuary, testified to conducting the post mortem examination. No burns were detected on Li's body but there was a scalp wound by the small abrasions on the right side of the face. The skull was not fractured. In his opinion cause of death was electric shock. Li's appearance was consistent with his having received a shock and fallen from a height.

Mr. A. Spary, of the Public Works Department, said there was a 20 ft. pole carrying two bare conductors supplying 200 volts A.C. service main to the married quarters of the Indian Officers. The pole conformed to regulations.

To Mr. Spary, Mr. Spary said if Li was using a piece of cotton waste and his hand touched a conductor while his other hand was in contact with the pole, he would receive the full potential of 200 volts through his body.

Mr. Mohamed Marood said he saw Li stretching hold of the electric wire. Li had had one foot on the ladder and another on the iron cross piece of the electric standard.

Staff Sergeant Bateman said the electric current was supplied by the Hongkong Electric Company to a feeder-pole to the village just outside Ah Kung Am, and from there it passed underground to a cable box at Pak Sha Wan. To discontinue the current it would have been necessary to go to the cable box.

An overhead cable brought the current to the Indian Officers' quarters, and under these wires were cables to support any breakage.

The painting work needed no supervision, said witness, and could have been done at any time during the day. The concerned should have ascertained that the wires were dead before ascending the electric pole.

Leung Wong, an assistant foreman, said he had intended to warn Li about the electric wires when he commenced painting. At the time the order was given this had not occurred to him.

After Mr. Sheldon had addressed them, the jury returned the verdict of accidental death without retiring.

### Bright Trading On Stock Exchange

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuters).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, gilt-edged securities and home rails were again actively bought, prices rising sharply. Kaffirs initially were dull but later improved. Industrials attracted more attention.

Wall Street was steady.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

"Nancy Fan", R.Y. and Others: Nancy and Sluggo are brooding somewhere in the Pacific. They will commence their adventures as soon as the American mail arrives.—Ed.

"Offended": We think you are in the wrong. The coins are still legal tender.—Ed.

# ANOTHER JAPANESE LINER HALTED

## Mystery Warship Signals N.Y.K. Tatsuta Maru

Honolulu, Jan. 24.

The N.Y.K. liner Tatsuta Maru was halted for half an hour by an unidentified warship while on her way from San Francisco to-day. After the Tatsuta had replied to signals she was allowed to continue her voyage.

When the Tatsuta Maru arrived here, Captain Ito told the Press that he had been halted when ordered to 170 miles from San Francisco. He identified the Tatsuta and then asked for the other ship's identification but it was not given. There was no reference made in the signals to German or other passengers.

One German told the Press he was captain of a United Fruit Co. boat and gave a name which he tacitly admitted was assumed. He said he realised the dangers he might have to take before reaching Germany, but said he wanted to reach his family.

"I am a German," he said "but it would be unwise to talk further." He declined to have his picture taken.

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Questioned regarding the reported removal of British nationals not in active service from a neutral ship by a German warship, the spokesman said that he was not acquainted with the German Law but the Japanese Government intended to deal with the Asama Maru affair in accordance with the International Law, to which they were adhering.

Asked whether the British warship which detained the Asama Maru had been identified, the spokesman said, "Yes, it's a name."

He said the transport accompanying the warship bore the inscription "H.M.S.", according to the explanation of the Asama Maru who reported that the warship was a big cruiser.—Domel.

#### Not Serious View

Tokyo, Jan. 24. A joint conference of officials of the Foreign Office and Ministry of Navy held this morning discussed the measures which may be taken with regard to British Navy activities in the Pacific Ocean.

A Foreign Office official, according to a semi-official report, is said to have pointed out that British circles are apparently not taking a serious view of the Asama Maru incident, thereby showing lack of recognition of Japanese national sentiment.

Therefore he is reported to have added that Mr. Arima last night, in the Foreign Office and called attention to the serious nature of the incident.

The joint conference also exchanged views on the measures which may be taken in connection with reports that the Tatsuta Maru had been stopped and examined by a British destroyer.

Early this evening no official information had reached the Foreign Office confirming the reports. Official circles, however, do not conceal their displeasure at the reported incident.—Reuters.

## Nazi Attack Repulsed

LONDON, Jan. 24. A rabbit wire saved the lives of a French advance detachment in the snow of a mountain post on the Western Front.

A patrol of about fifty picked Germans, outnumbering the French by about four to one, attacked the detachment and succeeded in cutting the cover of defences in four places, despite French fire. The Germans advanced through the gaps with assurance until suddenly and unexpectedly they ran against a fence of rabbit wire, the presence of which they were ignorant.

Simultaneously the French threw a shower of grenades at the enemy, who had to halt nonplussed and French artillery put down a heavy barrage, disbanding the raiding party with heavy losses.—Reuters.

#### Flying In Cold

LONDON, Jan. 24. The weather in France is almost as cold as in Finland, but despite this, night flying exercises have been regularly carried out by the Royal Air Force.

Yesterday, 42½ degrees of frost were recorded in one R.A.F. station. This temperature is a new low record for France.—Reuters Bulletin.

#### Air Casualty List

LONDON, Jan. 24. The Air Ministry's latest communication on R.A.F. casualties shows: Killed in action, or previously reported missing, 11.

Missing, 20. Killed or missing on active service and believed killed, 24. Died on active service, 13.—Reuters.

#### HONGKONG ESTATES

Ex-Manageress of Peak Hotel Leaves \$12,400

For many years manageress of the now defunct Peak Hotel, the late Miss Helen Adelaide Harry, who died at Northern Hospital, Cusdoun, Surrey, on March 25 last, left Hongkong an estate worth \$12,400. Leave to seal the letters of administration with the will annexed, has been granted to Mr. C. N. Tinson, the lawful attorney.

Miss Harry left everything to her sister, Mary Spencer Lavar Harry and a friend, Mabel Holbrook. Probate of the will of the late Mr. John Leach, who left \$2,400, has been granted to Mr. F. X. D'Almadra, collector. Mr. Leach was a marine engineer and died at Queen Mary Hospital on September 8 last. Hongkong estate valued at \$15,800.

was left by the late Mr. Koo Meow, alias Koo Mei, formerly of 30 Ser-dang Village, Kuala Lumpur, who died on August 25 last. Mr. J. T. Prior, the lawful attorney, has been granted leave to seal certified copy of probate of the will.

## CANTON REFUGEES

### Foreign-Controlled Camps Still Functioning

Canton, Jan. 24. An emphatic denial was made to the report appearing in a Hongkong foreign newspaper, quoting a foreigner who recently visited Canton to the effect that the foreign-controlled refugee camps here have closed down, and that the foreign Churches and Missions have instituted food centres individually to provide the poor with relief (soup).

"It is absolutely incorrect to say that our refugee camps have closed down," declared a member of the Refugee Committee to Reuters' correspondent, "and we, as a Committee, are still supplying the food centres in the city with rice. These food centres are feeding over 10,000 people with food daily and, of course, this could not be done without the active co-operation of the various Churches and Missions who supply the necessary fuel and workers."

It is true that funds are low, and there seems hardly any probability of much support, but it is learned that a fairly large donation was recently made in Hongkong for the purchase of rice to feed the people attending the food centres. This, coupled with the policy adopted by the Committee in endeavouring to make the different camps self-supporting to a certain degree, would enable the interested Clergy and Missionaries in the Canton area to carry on their good work.

For instance, in all the camps, vegetables are being grown and poultry raised. In the case of one camp, it is hoped that in a short time the proceeds from "home-grown" products would make the camp self-supporting and at the same time enable the refugees to earn a small income, as it is learned that the scheme is worked on a "share-out" system.

Conditions improve, the camps encourage refugees to leave, that is those who would be able to look after themselves, but those who, for one reason or another, choose to remain are not turned out.

The four camps are the Lingnam, Pakheitung, Fui Ying and Holy Trinity, and though the number of refugees has decreased in recent months with improving conditions in the city, it is understood that these four centres are still taking care of 2,307 refugees, mainly women and children who, it is felt, face life alone, and would most probably find it hard to keep themselves from starvation.—Reuters.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says: The last day's work did not result in anything spectacular.

Buyers: H.K. Bank \$135.00. Electrics \$55.40.

Sellers: Hotels \$5.00. Sales: Tramways \$17.70.

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Mambulao Con.	010	b
Masbate Con.	11	s
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Mine Operation	14 1/2	b
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Paracale Gumnus	22 1/2	b
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Suyoc Con.	13	b
Syndicate Inv.	025	s
United Paracale	30	s
Benguet Con.	5.50	b

## NEW MINISTER TO CANADA

OTTAWA, Jan. 24 (Reuters).—Mr. J. M. G. Macdonald, the new United States Minister to Canada, arrived at Ottawa on Tuesday. He was met by members of the U.S. Legation and members of the Canadian Government, including Mr. Mackenzie King.

In a statement, Mr. Macdonald said that he was deeply aware of the responsibilities which rested on them all to "preserve and, if possible, to strengthen the foundations of which our enduring friendship has been built."

## No U.S. Aviation Fuel For Reds

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (Reuters).—The State Department has revealed that reports that the Soviets are using American aviation petrol are unfounded.

Only two barrels of aviation spirit were brought from the United States in the first 11 months of the last year, although 900,000 barrels of other grades of petrol were purchased.

## Dangers Of Home Rule

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuters).—Mr. George Bernard Shaw, replying to a questionnaire addressed to him by the Indian Swaraj League on current Indian problems, declares:—"The Indian people must be prepared for startling curtailments of their personal liberties under Dominion Home Rule. In Eire, five military officers can take any Irish citizen and have him shot by court martial."

"Any Police chief constable can enter a house and seize furniture unless the occupier can prove he has not stolen it. Such things were impossible under British rule."

## OIL FROM RUMANIA

### Believed To Be Going Into Germany

LONDON, Jan. 24. Both the Germans and Russians deny that German troops have occupied part of South Galicia, which is Soviet-occupied Poland.

Moscow officially states that German officers were seen there arranging for repatriation of Germans. A report from Moscow, however, states that the Germans have persuaded the Soviet not to change the gauge of the railway running from the territory to Germany through Rumanian frontier.

In order that German rolling stock can use the line to transport Rumanian oil to Germany.

If this is true it goes a long way in confirming the belief that a new bargain has been struck between the two countries. This railway is the only means of transport from Rumania to Germany while the Danube is frozen.—Reuters Bulletin.

#### Britain Sends Warning

Bucharest, Jan. 24. It is reported here that Britain has sent a warning to Rumania against any proposal for increasing oil supplies to Germany in excess of the figure agreed in the Anglo-Rumanian trade agreement.—Reuters.

#### London In Contact

LONDON, Jan. 24. It was learned in official circles in London to-day that the British Government was in contact with the Rumanian Government regarding the reorganisation of the Rumanian oil fields and reports, of which there is no confirmation at present, that in future Germany may receive larger supplies.

No demarche has yet been made to Bucharest, but the facts are being assembled in London as a preliminary to doing so.—Reuters.

#### BRITAIN'S POLICY UNCHANGED

statement claiming that the movement for the formation of a new Central Government was gathering strength, and that Japan would accordingly assist in the formation of the new Government.

Mr. M. P. Price, Labour M.P. for Forest of Dean, thanked the Prime Minister "for his important assurance."

He asked, however, whether Mr. Chamberlain was aware that two former collaborators with Wang Ching-wei had recently deserted him and were now in Hongkong.

"Does that not indicate," asked Mr. Price, "a still further reason why Great Britain should have no relations with any puppet Government?"

The Premier: "As we are not having any relations with them, I do not think it matters."

#### New Anglo-French Trade Agreement

PARIS, Jan. 24 (Reuters).—A Ministry of Commerce communiqué announces complete agreement between the French trade delegation in London and British Government representatives on measures to be taken to develop trade between the two countries and in examining economic relations with third parties.

Negotiations on the technical side will start immediately in order to turn the general agreement into practical measures, the communiqué adds.

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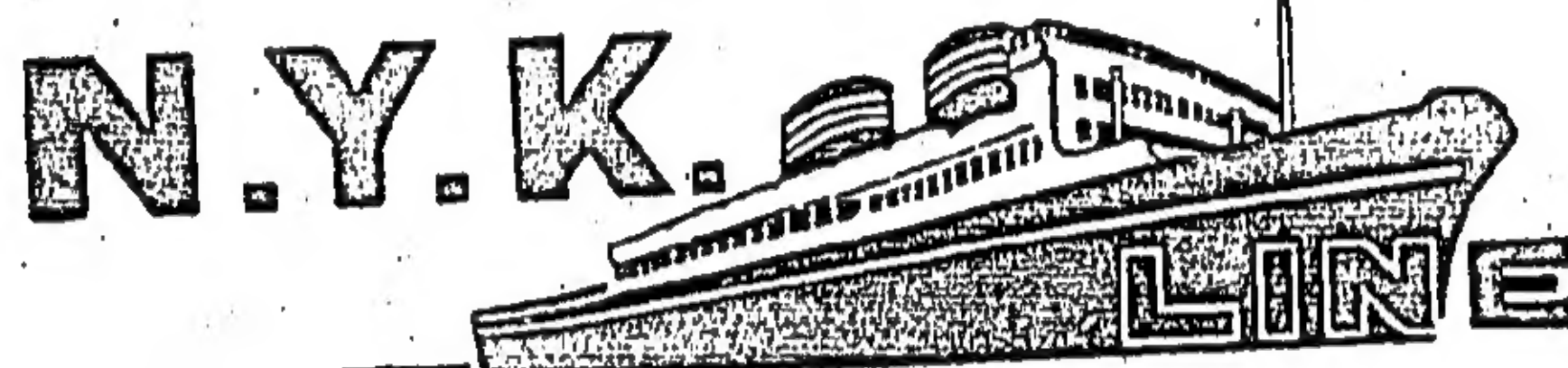
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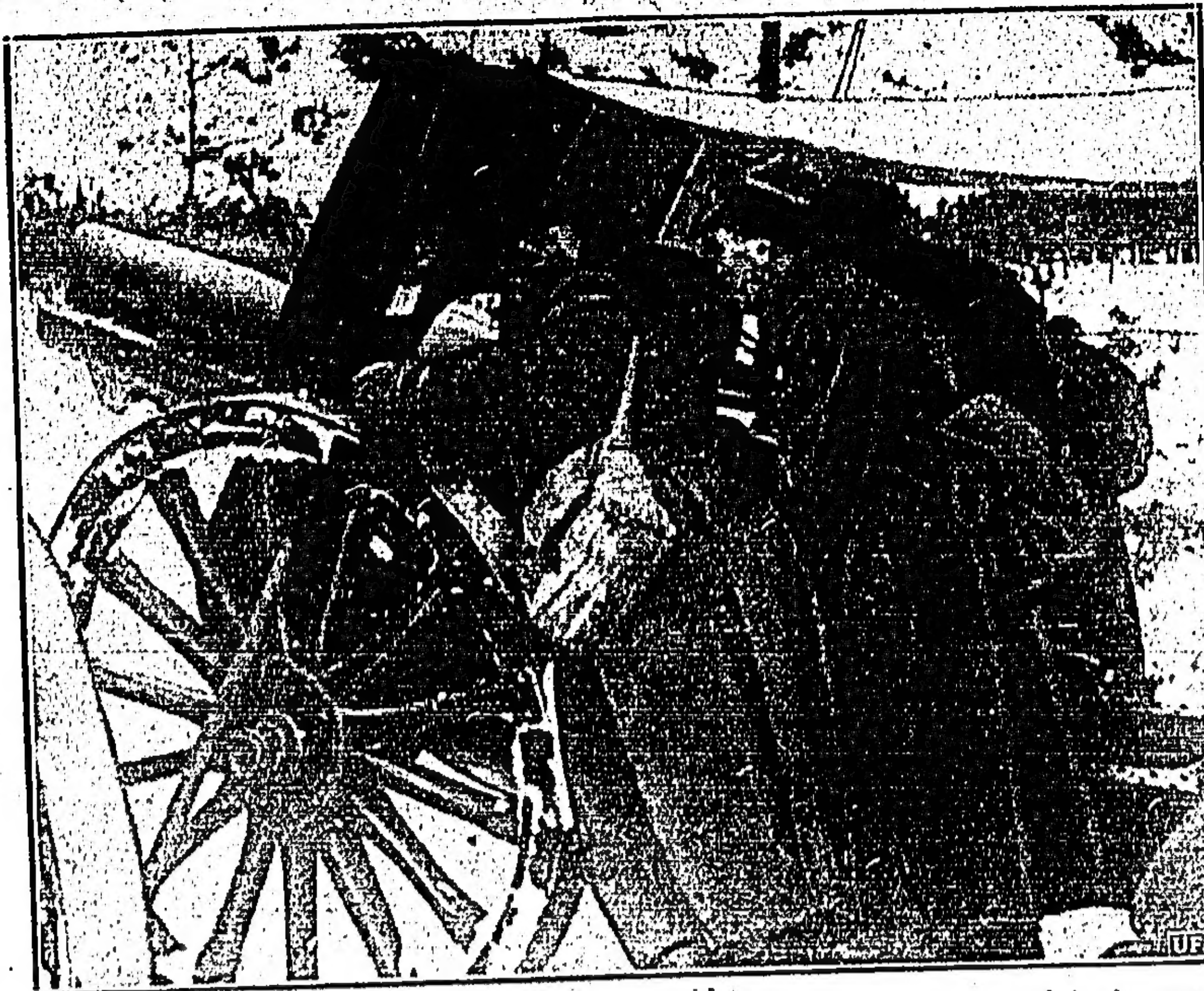
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## Snow Comes To Aid Of Hard-Fighting Finns



SNOW AIDS FINNS—Severe snowstorms aided Finns in gaining victories over Russian troops in heavy fighting on Karelia Isthmus north of Leningrad. Russian guns such as are shown above were used in attacks on Finns.

## Germany's Oil Shortage May Tank Is Running Dry Betray Nazis

By W. N. EWER  
"Daily Herald" Diplomatic  
Correspondent

GERMANY'S oil supplies are going to be a crucial factor in the war. Especially if, as Field-Marshal Goering threatens, she starts up a full-dress air offensive in the Spring.

What is her position? Here is the best answer I can give to that very important question. In 1933 German imports of oil products totalled about 4,500,000 tons. In addition she produced about

2,000,000 tons from her own brown coal by hydrogenation. "Oil products" include petrol, paraffin, diesel engine oil, fuel oil and lubricating oil as well as "crude". Say, then, 6,500,000 tons as her normal pre-war annual supply. Probably not all this was consumed. Some went to build up a war reserve. Exactly how big that reserve is is one of the unknown factors.

How much can Germany get in war-time? Except for a trickle that still evades the blockade she is cut off from all seaborne supplies. That leaves open to her Poland, Rumania, and the Balkans. Poland might provide a little. But the output of the Galician fields has become very small. If Germany can get 500,000 tons a year from that source, it is an outside figure. Russia at the moment is, because of transport difficulties, a practically negligible source of supply.

New railway tank wagons, new Black Sea tankers, new Danube tugs and barges, might in time solve that problem. But even so the Soviet Union needs all its own supplies; it has been able to export something like 1,000,000 tons a year, but that only at the price of running short at home. Rumania would normally be sending Germany about 1,400,000 tons a year. But the bulk of this supply has always been seaborne. With the sea shut and the trade forced to use congested rail and river transport the figure has dropped startlingly.

Cut By Half  
In September only about 60,000 tons got through. With great exertion and great difficulty the figure was raised to nearly 85,000 for December. Then came the frost blockade. The figure for January and February is likely to be under 30,000 tons a month.

Total imports then for the first six months of war will probably be under 400,000 tons from Rumania; will probably be well under 1,000,000 tons from all sources. That seems an absolutely outside figure, and it is less than half normal.

Hydrogenation is being developed and may make up the deficiency by another 200,000 or 300,000 tons for the half year.

But hydrogenation cannot provide the higher grade lubricating oils—a very serious consideration where aviation is concerned.

Spring Crisis  
How far economies in "normal" consumption can make up for the additional consumption due to war activities is quite impossible to gauge accurately.

There are, therefore, too many doubtful factors for any precise calculations. But there is quite enough evidence to make it certain that by spring oil shortage will be a serious factor, and that it is a shortage which will increase month by month, if great military and air exertions are made.

The "war reserves" are there. But once they are drawn on they will not last very long. The best information available would suggest something like three months as an approximate estimate.

## 'We don't mind cold'—Then go to Finland'

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 8.  
THE FIRST FOUR American volunteers for Finland have arrived in Stockholm, and to-day they attended a cocktail party given by Mr. Hallett Johnson, Counsellor to the American Embassy. They were the star turn of the party, with their smart new silver-buttoned uniforms and shiny Sam Browns.

Twenty-four-year-old Robert Newman said: "We were an ambulance unit in the French Army on the Western Front. Technically, we are still under the discipline of the French Army, but there not being many lives to save on the Western Front we were given leave."

"One day they were asking who minded the cold. We four were the first to say we didn't mind here we are, with two light ambulances. "We are leaving for Finland this

week. Two hundred Americans back there in France may follow us."

"I am Irish-American. When the war started, I thought 'What is without the Irish in it?' and joined the French."

His three companions are blond Louis Bartlett, leader of the party, aged twenty-five, black-bearded William Marks, aged twenty-seven, professor at an American University, and slight, fair Jack Hasey, aged twenty-four, a jewel expert.

## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

### 50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 25, 1890.  
The infant King of Spain was crowned on Saturday. His illness is no serious as to give cause for grave alarm. To-day, he is much better.

It is officially notified that Queen Victoria, although well and perfectly able to perform her duties, has lately been suffering a good deal from rheumatism, and is therefore unequal to the fatigue of opening Parliament in person.

The Americans in London have decided to give a grand banquet to Mr. Stanley in the middle of February, on which occasion they will present him with massive silver shields which will portray his exploits in Central Africa.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 25, 1915.  
Some interesting figures published among the British expeditionary force. There have been 212 cases since the beginning of the war and only 22 deaths.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 25, 1930.  
Terminating in dramatic circumstances, all the defendants withdrawing without warning their pleas of not guilty, and substituting pleas of guilty, the trial at the Old Bailey of Clarence Harty and his three co-defendants, Edmund Daniels, John Graham Goodfellow Dixon and Albert Edward Tabor closed to-day.

Mr. Justice Avey passed sentence of fourteen years' penal servitude on Harty, seven years' penal servitude on Daniels, five years on Dixon and three years on Tabor.

### 5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 25, 1935.  
According to the "United Press," Chinese troops have retired to positions behind the Great Wall and the Japanese, who yesterday were at grips with the garrison forces of Kuyuan and Tushikow, had taken up posts outside the ancient barriers against barbarians.

"Central News," the Chinese agency, reports further shelling of Chinese positions and bombing by Japanese planes. These reports are not confirmed by foreign press services. Commenting on the Chinese situation, the "Times," according to Reuters, says that, while the incident was small in itself, it indicates the inability of Japanese diplomacy to prevent the soldiers of the nation taking whatever action they deem appropriate.

## Four Still Alive

Germans Take Captives In Heligoland

Hamburg, Jan. 24.  
The radio to-day broadcast the names of four survivors from the three British submarines lost in the Heligoland Bight recently. They are: Lt. Comdr. A. S. Jackson, Captain of H.M.S. Undine, Stoker Archibald Savage of H.M.S. Starfish, Telegraphist J. C. S. Beresford of H.M.S. Undine—United Press.

Trawler Believed Lost  
London, Jan. 24.  
The Lowestoft trawler New Haven has failed to return from a fishing trip. She is a week overdue.

It is feared that she may have struck a mine and sunk without leaving a trace. She carried a crew of nine.—Reuter.

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# WHAT A YAWN!

Nurse Hester  
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BEDTIME  
PROBLEMS

NOT all parents realize that sleep is of equal importance to children as a well-balanced diet. During sleep the whole body should be relaxed while it recuperates from the exertions of the day. Breathing becomes lighter, the heart beats more quietly, sleep should bring just that regular recovery of energy to the body of the child which the long winter's hibernation brings to that of dormice and bees.

Without plenty of sleep the child cannot develop properly, however good a diet he may be having. There is, however, a type of sleep which does little good—that of the over-worked child who is put to bed in a stuffy bedroom perhaps with too many clothes on his cot. He will probably sleep fairly heavily, but he will awake nervous and unrefreshed.

The normally healthy child wakes quickly and happily like a bird to scramble from his bed eager to explore a new day.

Miss Grumpy  
My little girl, aged ten, is a terror to make in the morning; we all avoid talking to her until she goes off to school. She refuses breakfast; won't go to bed before 8.30 p.m.

NO parent should have to admit that their child of ten refuses to obey them, and I can only feel that you have let her rule you instead of keeping proper control over her.

On these dark nights she should be sent to bed at 7 p.m. There is no point in keeping children up in warm living-rooms in which the air is gradually being used up.

Change your tactics now even if it means a storm for a few nights. Let her wash all over with warm water before she gets into bed if you cannot give a nightly warm bath, and open her window at least four inches and shut the door to avoid draughts.

Bedclothing should consist of two fleecy blankets and a light eiderdown. If she suffers from cold feet knit her some roony bedsocks.

Call her at 7 a.m. and let her wash her face at once in tepid water. Give five minutes of deep-breathing exercises before breakfast and insist that she should eat it quietly before you will let her go off to school.

Sleep, Baby, Sleep  
My three-months-old baby refuses to sleep for more than two hours at a stretch unless I take him into bed with me.

It is a big mistake to begin this practice, and I advise you to make one more big effort to get baby to rest.

Try giving him his bath at night; this often proves very soothing. See that wind is well broken before settling him down to sleep after his 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. feeds.

Give up this habit of bottles of sugar water; that leads to distension and wind which can be most painful. If you think he is thirsty give a few teaspoons of boiled water, using a spoon.

Wrap his arms firmly with a square of soft cotton material, so that he cannot wave them about. I am sure that this makes a baby feel much safer, and that it does away with any sense of insecurity which is possibly the cause of much disturbance in babyhood. Finally, always put baby to sleep on his right side for two hours after a feed; he can be turned on to the left side later.

Night Attire  
I have always allowed the children to keep their combinations on under their sleeping-suits in winter. Is this correct?

NO. Day-clothes should never be worn at night; it is an unhealthy habit. All day-clothes should be hung out in the air at night. You will find it a good plan to provide a small clothes-horse which can be folded away in the day-time. On this their day-clothes can be spread out at night.

A sleeping-suit in light wool material is quite sufficient night covering for the normal child; anything more may lead to heavy perspiration and an unrefreshing sleep.

Tired Mother  
I have been anemic since baby's birth, and I should like to rest in the afternoon, but this eighteen-months-old son demands all my attention.

YOU need a day-time rest as you have to sit up for your husband; at eighteen months baby also needs a good day-time nap. I advise you to take him upstairs with you for an hour every afternoon.

Slip him out of his day-clothes and into his nightgown; he is much more likely to drop off to sleep if he is tucked up in his cot properly. I have an anemia diet chart which would help you.

Keep Your Jam Jars  
JAM jars, painted or enamelled in some attractive shade to tone with the environment, make excellent vases for flowers, being novel and attractive.

There are many other uses for jam jars. Painted to match the colour-scheme of your house. On rainy days, why not have one or two in the hall in which wet umbrellas can be put to drain? Have one in the kitchen to keep spills in.

The screw-top kind of jam jar is especially useful in the kitchen. In them you can store rice and similar things. If you want to keep lemons fresh for some time—even as long as a month—put them in a jam jar, and fill it with cold water. If the water is changed regularly, the lemons will keep fresh.

Keep a jam jar in the bathroom, and one in the kitchen, and put bits of left over soap in them. When the pieces are dry, they can be dissolved in boiling water to make splendid soap-jelly. A jar is also useful for mixing a shampoo, and it is a good idea to keep one in the bathroom for this special purpose.

Always have a jam-jar in your first-aid box to keep free from dust such essentials as cotton-wool swabs, old linen, lint and bandages. You can get celluloid lids to fit ordinary two-pound jam jars in the stores.

Another good idea is to keep a painted jam jar in your bedroom, and put your used face-tissues and pads of cotton-wool in it. This will save your waste-paper basket from getting sticky.

Jam jars make splendid forcing houses for small plants and seedlings. If you want early lettuce, put jars over some of your seedlings, and they will not only grow rapidly, but be protected from the raids of slugs and snails. In winter, jars can be used to shelter young plants from the frosts and biting winds that would otherwise shivel them up.

Finally, never throw away earthenware jam jars. They can be used in the oven for stewing fruit or to render down fats for dripping.

I. H.

## ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

The schedule for the 1940 Flower and Vegetable Show on March 5 and 6 has been circulated to members of the Hongkong Horticultural Society. A note attached to the booklet states that considering the large number of residents who could avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by the Society of seeing a show of flowers and vegetables comparing very favourably with any provincial show in England the Committee hopes the public will patronise the show in large numbers.

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DON'T sit like this with drooped shoulders, curved spine and bent neck. Straighten up as though you took an interest in your job. Excellent corrective exercises are given in Miss Hunt's beauty column to-day.

## Exercises Help Girl Achieve An Erect Posture

By JACQUELINE HUNT

A GOOD posture does things for you. It gives you an air of confidence, poise and vibrant health that makes folks notice you. If your body is erect, shoulders square with the world and chin out you look happy and relaxed. Moreover, people will feel that your philosophy of life and your ability to do your job well are just as good as your posture.

Keeping your fine posture becomes a front of chest, then stretch straight something of a task, however, when to the side from the shoulders. You must spend a good part of your time then repeat the entire exercise from time sitting behind a desk. Breathe five to ten times. Do it to unclink necks, drooped shoulders and eaved-the knees when you feel tense from in chest are common among girls in working over your typewriter for a office. If you have any of these long period.

Good posture doesn't mean that you should sit as straight and stiff as a ramrod. Good posture should be easy, graceful and natural to you. Practice sitting, standing and walking correctly and see how much more pep you have. To others you take on an entirely different personality when your posture is right.

### TOUCH YOUR TOES

Strengthen and limber the muscles most used to hold your body erect. There is no better exercise for this than the old one of bending up and down to touch your toes. Do it ten times a day to start with, but increase the number until you are doing it fifty times a day. Keep your knees straight, stretch your arms high over your head, pulling your body up to its fullest height. Take a deep breath. Your shoulders should be directly above your head, your head up to your rear in as though you were trying to avoid a hard spunk. Bend forward from your waistline and touch your toes with your fingertips. Repeat as many times as you can.

Hold the same erect posture when you stand or walk. Learn to sit correctly, too. If you do not sit correctly, all your effort in standing is wasted.

Sit back full in your chair, shoulders in line with your hips, and feet together, preferably not crossed on the floor. Think of your spine as a straight line from the centre of your skull to the muscles that bottom. Tighten those hip muscles that are inclined to spread over your desk chair. Relax, repeat, keep this up until the muscles literally ache. This is a simple exercise that can be practised a dozen times a day.

### STRENGTHENS THE SHOULDERS

Exercises will seem tiring at first, but after a while they will actually invigorate you. They require enthusiasm at first, but soon they will become a habit—a healthy habit that will help you maintain good posture. The following exercise will strengthen the muscles of the shoulders and upper back:

Stand with your arms stretched sideways from shoulders. Cross arms

and bend neck. Straighten up as though you took an interest in your job. Excellent corrective exercises are given in Miss Hunt's beauty column to-day.

Another good way of using stale bread is to make crisp rusks to eat with butter or cheese. Break up the bread into fairly equal sizes, dip them into sweetened milk, and bake in a warm oven until dry and crisp.

If you have any stale rolls, cut off the top of each to form a lid, then spread the crumbs. Fry the cases in butter or margarine and let them dry. Then fill the cases with a mixture of onion chopped up with ham or corned beef, rabbit or cheese, put on the lids, and bake for a few minutes.

The crumbs taken out of the rolls can be made into dainty tea cakes by mixing it with egg and milk. Form the mixture into little cakes, and sprinkle with brown sugar or desiccated coconut, and bake.

Odd pieces of stale bread should be rubbed through a colander to reduce them to fine crumbs. Spread these on a baking-sheet and brown them in the oven. Place in an airtight tin and they will come in handy for sprinkling over boiled ham &c.

Cakes and buns which have been left over should be put in a special tin. These when stale and dry can be converted into something more delicious than the original. It is wasteful to throw away such things in these times, especially when we remember that the basis of all well-made cakes is butter, sugar, and eggs.

A fruit-cake can be converted into a good steamed pudding. Crumble finely, add a little milk, fruit-jelly, or beaten egg. The same treatment for a fruit or plain cake will make a nice luncheon sweet if baked in a shallow tin lined with pastry.

If moistened with fruit-juice or bound with a little jam, crumbs can be converted into delicious "fancies" for an afternoon tea-party. Form them into oblongs or balls, cover with melted jam or jelly, and decorate with nuts. Chocolate powder may be added, the mixture being slightly moistened and rolled into shape. These should be coated with chocolate and served in paper cases.

I. H.

## BATTLE FOR IRON

Hitler May Grab Part Of Norway

THE military campaign in Finland is a struggle for nickel and iron. All Scandinavia may be dragged into it.

The Russians went after the nickel mines which are in the far north of Finland. The Finns have blown up the mines.

The Germans fear that the Russians may also seek to seize the Swedish iron mines if they can get across Finland. Germany draws half of her iron ore from Sweden.

In summer the iron supplies go by railway to Lulea and thence by ship down the Baltic to Stettin. If the Russians should occupy the Anland Isles they would completely dominate this traffic.

In winter, when the ice blocks the north Baltic, the ore for Germany goes by railway to Narvik, in Norway. There it is shipped for Germany via the Atlantic. The ships creep down the Norwegian coast, safe inside the three-mile limit.

To protect this trade the Germans now contemplate seizing a large part of Norway, and probably that part of the Swedish coast which faces the Skagerrak.

The Norwegians also expect the Russians will demand Atlantic seaports from them. They expect a Russian invasion this summer. They will resist it.

Many Norwegians are pro-British. Others are pro-German. None are pro-Russian.

The Norwegians have a tiny army of 14,000. Their Air Force claim 50 fighter airplanes and no bombers.

They have no navy, except small coastal craft. But they have 60,000 naval reservists. These are their merchant seamen, trained in handling and manning guns.

Many of them learn the rudiments of gunnery shooting whales. Then they are trained

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In connection with the funds that are being remitted by the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong Branch, to the British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John of Jerusalem, in England, the following particulars from the latter will be of great interest to the public of Hongkong:

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The work of the Organisation is fully described in its fortnightly Summary of Work, of which copies are being sent to the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong.

### Supplies For Hospitals

A considerable amount of medical equipment, comforts, books, etc., are being supplied to hospitals in England and in France and also to hospital ships. These supplies supplement the military equipment and are issued with a view to ameliorating the conditions of the sick and wounded by means of providing extra necessities and semi-luxuries which are outside the scope of any Government Department.

In addition, both the Headquarters Organisation and the local branches of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John are giving considerable help to persons shipwrecked by hostile action round our coasts.

Furthermore, our Prisoners of War, Missing and Wounded Department has for some time past been sending regular food, clothing and medical supplies parcels to all prisoners of war in Germany, a service which is very much appreciated and which can be carried out by no other Organisation.

### Reserve Supplies

The Organisation's main effort, however, is devoted to accumulating a reserve of medical equipment, ambulances and stores of all sorts, to meet the sudden demands which in our experience will be made if heavy fighting begins; such reserve, which can rapidly be drawn upon, represents perhaps the chief value of the Red Cross Organisation, in that it provides a reservoir from which supplies can be drawn in emergency wherever demands are overwhelming, in any particular area under severe attack.

In addition to stores in England, the Organisation already has a Store established under its commission in France, and will very shortly have ambulances there.—Contributed.

as gunners for the naval reserve.

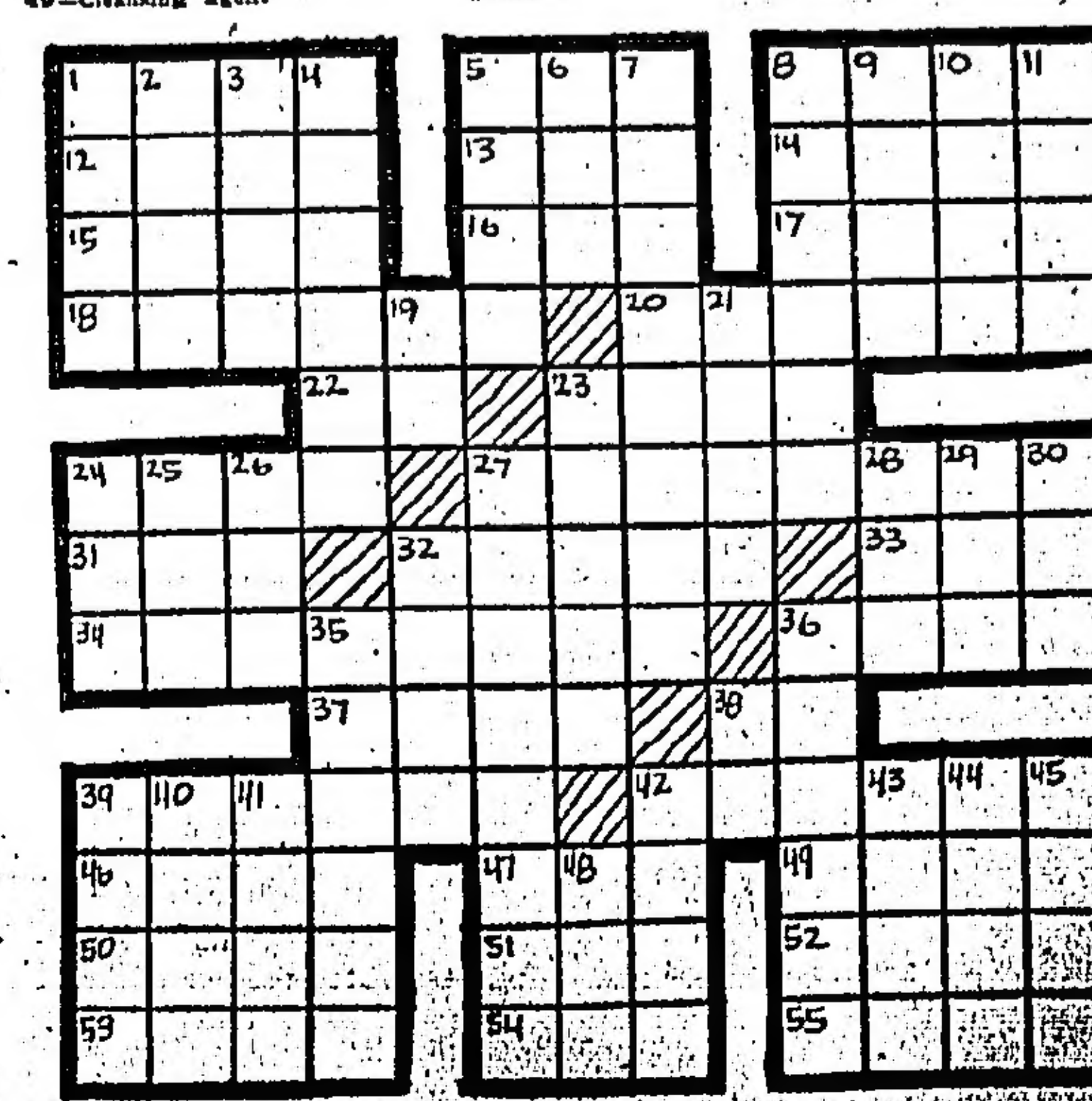
So that if the Americans and the British can spare some warships for the Norwegians, that resourceful race of seamen will quickly make themselves a navy.

## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS  
1—Resume  
2—Period  
3—Meat dish  
12—Official in Orient  
13—Age  
14—Lithuanian  
15—Terrible  
16—By means of  
17—Fifteenth of July  
18—Fires without permission  
19—Sooty in temper  
20—Perform  
21—Roman freedman  
22—Bury  
23—Lump  
24—Faintest with lavender enter-  
tainment (col.)  
25—Prolonged means  
26—Pious hole with thread  
27—Company  
28—Cavalry watching and guarding  
29—Snowdrops  
30—The man  
31—Which were taken without permission  
42—Pieces of timber  
43—Roman gardens  
44—Neck period of history  
45—Cleaning agent

DOWN  
1—Belonging to Theodore  
2—Give out  
3—Wishes on  
4—Pinnace momentarily  
5—Tide mark  
6—Raw metal  
7—Tide mark  
8—Worker on ship  
9—Like and tall of  
10—British official who  
11—British title  
12—Division of time  
13—Faintest with lavender enter-  
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# CHOLERA!

The U.S. War Department has ordered the evacuation of American troops from the Mysang district in the island of Mindanao, despite the fact that the peaceful community is threatened with extinction by Alipang and his dreaded Moro bandits.

Four men are ordered to Mysang to assist Colonel Hatch in training the Philippines Constabulary, which is to keep order in the district after the withdrawal of the troops. Soon after their arrival Colonel Hatch is murdered by a Moro and Manning takes charge. But Manning, too, is killed, leaving only Hartley, a strict disciplinarian, Larson, McCool and Canavan, the doctor, to hold out against the thousands of Moros.

WHEN Linda saw Canavan coming down the street driving the Jura-mentado before him and Miguel prancing beside him, proudly waving the Moro's kris, she almost cried out with joy.

For twenty-four hours she had been in an agony of doubt. All morning she had helped Mabel Manning pack while the boat waited in the harbour to take them both back to Manila.

Her father, raging at Bill's disobedience, had refused to discuss what chances he had to return.

McCool said, grimly, if they found him at all it would be with his honey-smeared head sticking out of a pit—that is, what the ants had left of it. She had begged her father to send out a searching party—"How can you be so cold-blooded, when one of your best men—" Hartley had looked at her searchingly. "What makes you so interested in Canavan, all of a sudden?"

"I'm not—not at all," she had protested. But now as she watched his tall figure striding down the street, nobody could fail to read in her luminous face just what she thought of Bill Canavan.

The entire village was following the strange procession. The soldiers had come from the barracks. McCool and Larson had fallen in step with Canavan and were insulting him wildly in their relief at seeing him safe and sound. "You dim-witted quack! What have you got there?"

"Gnus Homo Moro Jura-mentado," announced Canavan, and gave the rope a jerk.

IN the centre of the parade ground he stopped, surrounded by the curious constabulary. He wasted no time in proceeding with his experiment, and after whispering to Yabo, he addressed the assembled troop in loud tones:

"You were sad when the American soldiers went home, but you should have been happy. It means that this is your country—and if it's your country you have to protect it. Your enemies, the Moros, have contempt for you. They think you are fit only for slaves and that's because you act like slaves. Only when you conquer your fear will you conquer Alipang!"

The Moro squared himself on his feet as though he could understand and concurred with Canavan's words; every line of his heavily muscled, half-nude body registered contempt. Canavan turned to him:

"Here's one of Alipang's men. If you were to cut him up you'd find out he had only one heart, one stomach, and approximately twenty-eight feet of intestines—no more, no less than you have. Then what makes him a better man? He pauses impressively. "It's because he's afraid of nothing under the sun!"

The soldiers shifted uncomfortably on their feet. "We brought him here a prisoner, but he's not afraid. He knows he'll be stood up against a wall and shot—but he's not afraid."

Canavan saw Hartley come out from his office at headquarters, lifting his head uncertainly as though acing trouble. Canavan speeded up proceedings.



He took the pigskin from Yabo's hands and threw it on the ground in front of the Moro.

AT the sight of the pigskin some of the truculence died out of the Moro. Canavan turned to Miguel: "Tell him after he's dead we're going to bury him in the pigskin."

As the boy translated Canavan's words, the Moro's face was transformed; a look of growing horror contorted his features and he seemed to be overcome with a sickening fear.

As the full import of the words dawned on him, he fell sinking to the ground, screaming for mercy. "Look at him!" Canavan shouted triumphantly. "Look at your brave Moro! How can you be afraid of a man like that growling on the ground like a worm and howling for mercy—at the sight of a pigskin?"

The soldiers watched this spectacle with growing amazement. For the first time they saw their dreaded enemy as a far from invincible human being, and the effect was profound.

Avoid, at first, the Filipino soldiers at length began to whisper among themselves and finally laughed out loud at the scene being played before their eyes.

The padre, watching from the steps of the church, smiled delightedly; Linda's eyes were shining with pride. Hartley alone looked heavy and ominous with disapproval as he marched down his steps and shouldered his way to the centre of the crowd.

"Larsen!" he barked. "Take the prisoner to the guardhouse, and the boy, too. Yabo! Get these men back to their drilling. And you—" he turned grimly to Canavan, "come to my office."

But the good had already been done. As the native soldiers returned to drill they stooped in turn before the dummy of Alipang that Canavan had strung up for them. Some snapped their fingers insolently at the painted face, others muttered insults between their teeth. And a few fearlessly planted their bayonets in the sawdust body. They were no longer afraid.

Hartley was implacable. Canavan by his fool-hardy deed had jeopardised the lives of the whole village—now, inevitably, Alipang would strike! Canavan was put under arrest for insubordination, relieved of his arms and confined to his quarters. McCool, escorting him under orders, spoke to him severely: "Doc, I'll never forgive you for this foul treachery—why didn't you take me with you to the hills?"

"I couldn't think of it!" Canavan said loftily. "That would be disobeying orders."

that would make their parting impossible—here in the sunlight—with McCool waiting at a discreet distance for his prisoner—Hartley waiting to put her safely aboard the steamer. They searched each other's eyes. There were no words. "Well, goodbye," Canavan took her hand.

"Goodbye," Overwhelmed at the thought of her going, he leaned over suddenly and pressed his lips to the hand he held. With eyes, hands and lips, he tried to tell her. Then he turned swiftly away, and walked toward the waiting McCool.

"It didn't take me that long to say goodbye," commented the aggrieved McCool.

"Shut up, you ape!" growled Canavan. When her father came to the door of her bedroom, Linda was unpacking. "Ready, Linda?" Linda faced him. "I'm sorry, father. I'm not going."

"Why?" Hartley asked with an unexpected gentleness. Then with unexpected emphasis: "Canavan!" She did not speak or nod, but he could see her standing straight and still, facing him, like a soldier reporting for duty.

WHEN Canavan heard the news that Linda was staying, it was with anxiety as well as delight.

Undoubtedly, she felt her father was in danger and wanted to stay by his side.

A true soldier's daughter! And here he was planning to resign from the army and put his shining up back in the State. He'd had a stomach full of army discipline! His fight was with bugs—billions of bugs—and needles and microscopes to fight them with.

Could a girl, who had wanted to be a Top Sergeant at six, be interested in that sort of fight? He was wondering about it when she came to be vaccinated.

He told her rather sentimentally about Jenner as he fixed the needle. Jenner invented vaccination. "Sometime the Philippines will be a nation and Krag, who invented the repeating rifle, will get the credit. And who will it belong to? Jenner!"

She listened rather solemnly. When he had bandaged her arm she rose and thanked him, and added very gravely, "And thank you for saving my father's life. I heard about it."

So that was it! "A stupid thing to do," Canavan said, not looking at her. "It got me arrested."

"Well, after all, you did disobey an order."

Canavan's gorge rose. "Order!" he said sharply. "That's all you hear around here! Why didn't you obey your father's order to leave Mysang?"

Linda looked startled. "I'll tell you why," Canavan continued. "Because you thought your father was in danger, and you thought you should stay around. The Hartley training—Hartley discipline—"

sonable. "If you must worship uniforms, why don't you get one? Why don't you go home and study nursing—or else marry someone—have children—"

Linda was white with fury. "Why don't you stick to what you know about—you QUACK!" She turned on her heel and walked out.

Just to have the last word Canavan leaned out the door. "Boil your water!" he yelled after her in mock authority.

The whole village waited no tenter-hooks for Alipang's reprisal. But nothing happened. No movement broke the green face of the jungle, no piercing yells of an avenging Jura-mentado froze the hearts of the natives. The night was almost more deadly on the nerves than an attack. The soldiers had taken heart after Canavan's experiment, but the enforced inactivity ate into the self-control of whites and natives alike.

ONE day two native women washing clothes in the river set up an excited jabber. A sentry interpreted to Larson: the river had gone down two feet in half an hour.

Word spread through the village; groups formed on the banks watching amazedly the water supply diminish minute by minute.

"Could it be a landslide?" McCool suggested.

"No, it happened too quickly," the padre answered. Hartley kept asking for reports, seeming incredulous of the rate at which the river was lowering—all though the fact was palpable to all. The Data ran up to the group of officers, his usual impassivity discarded.

"Captain, I just came back from the hills, and I see Moros carrying bamboo, rocks—Alipang, he dam up river!"

Hartley's jaw squared. "Another trick to lure us into the jungle. But it won't work."

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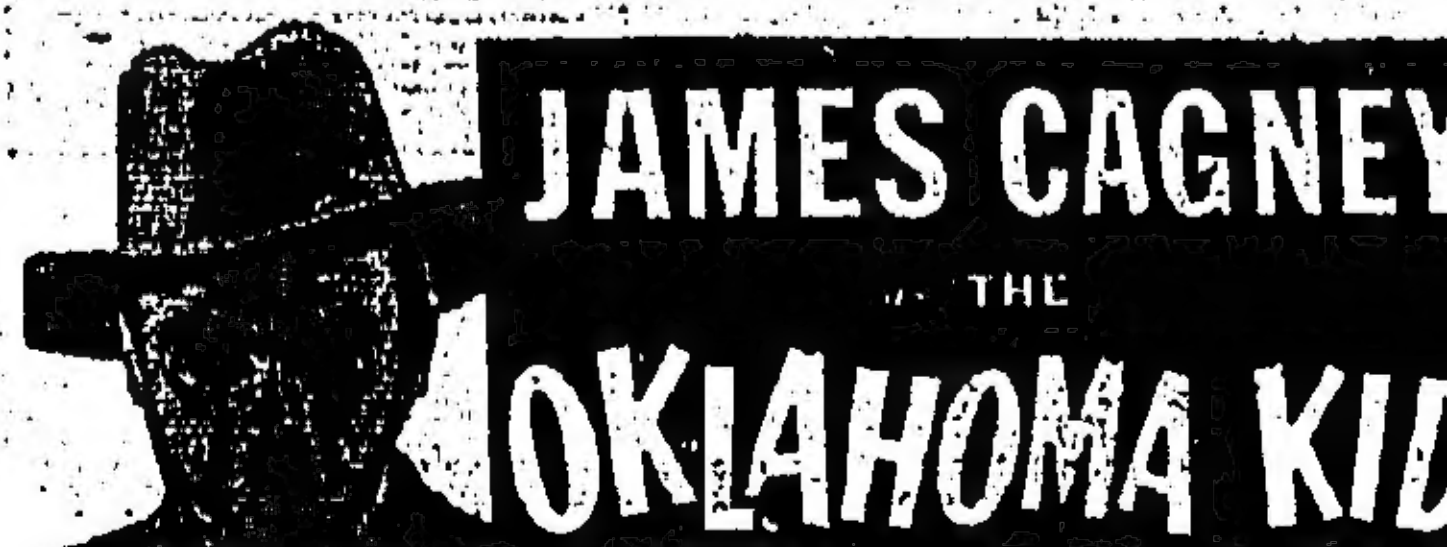
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## German Airmen Found in Shot-down Soviet 'Planes

### "WE ARE RUSSIANS"

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 10.  
TWO Soviet 'planes shot down by the Finns at Viborg are reported in Stockholm to have contained three German airmen.

They were captured alive. All stated that they were German-speaking members of the ancient German colony in the Volga basin.

The men were unable to answer any questions in Russian, and peculiarities in their uniforms convinced the Finns that they belonged to the Reich Air Force.

Details of a new Soviet "tank sleigh" are given by Swedish newspaper correspondents describing the route of the 44th Russian Division in the Suomussalmi sector.

Several of these, they say, have been captured on the network of frozen lakes south of Suomussalmi and also on Lake Ladoga.

They have a crew of three—one man forward manning a quick-firing cannon, a machine-gunner amidships, and a driver at the rear.

The "tank sleigh" has a torpedo-shaped armoured body with an aeroplane propeller behind. It is capable of skimming over the ice on its long steel runners at 100 miles an hour.

#### Arms Captured

Against this weapon the Finns were able to turn heavy-calibre machine-guns captured from the Russian 103rd Division, which they annihilated at the end of last week.

They found, too, vast masses of small arms ammunition abandoned by the enemy.

Finland leaders, during a lull on the fighting front, yesterday made another appeal to the world against Russia's "ruthless" bombing of civilians, says the Daily Mail Copenhagen correspondent.

They also emphasised Finland's need of foreign credits to buy war materials.

The Premier, Dr. Ryti, said in a broadcast that any new financial obligations incurred by Finland would be faithfully fulfilled.

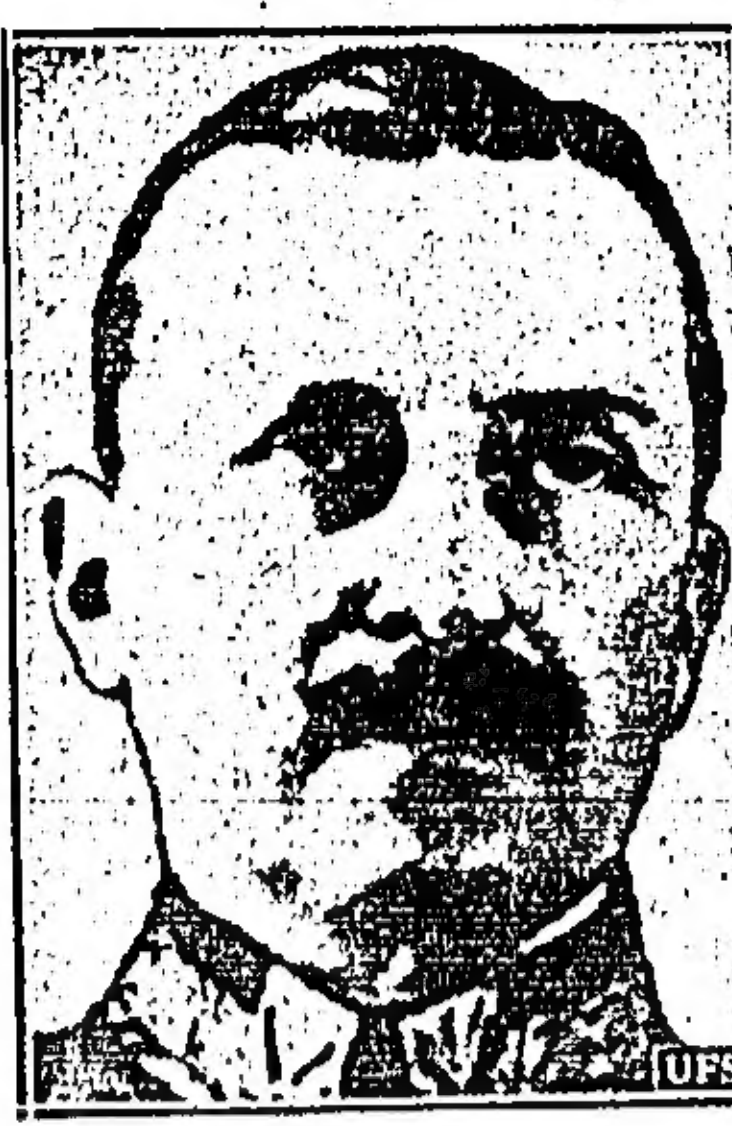
#### Credit Essential

"As a peace-loving country, we had paid little attention to our munitions industries," he added. "The result is that we have to procure arms and munitions from abroad on a large scale."

"At present we are not suffering any actual lack of provisions, but our national income is rapidly shrinking, and although we submit without a murmur to the decline in our standard of living, we have come to the pass where foreign credit is essential to us."

The Hotel Bristol at Helsinki, burst into flames early yesterday.

It is thought that enemy agents may have started the fire to guide raiding Soviet airmen.



Field Marshal Baron Carl Gustave Emil Mannerheim, 72, commander-in-chief of Finland's defence forces. He gave Bolsheviks a beating, as hero of war of independence in 1918.

### WANTED--50,000 WIREWORMS

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LONDON. — Fifty Thousand live wireworms are urgently required by a group of scientists at the Berkshire research station of Imperial Chemical Industries.

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They expect to get the biggest response from farmers because when potatoes are being "riddled" the worms fall into the loose soil and are easily spotted.

These worms are about one of the worst of the 60 different types of pests the station tackles. One of the most formidable things about them is that they live for as long as four years and burrow very deep into the soil.

## FORCED LOANS

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 12.

DETAILS of the new "Goering plan," with which the bulky field-marshal, as supreme economic dictator of the Reich, is now going to increase Nazi Germany's war potential on the home front, in the air, on the sea and on land, were to-day reported from Berlin by Scandinavian newspaper correspondents.

This plan has three objects:—  
1. To obtain the £5,000,000,000 needed by Germany to carry on the war from the already over-taxed German people.

2. To speed up naval production—especially mass production of U-boats.

3. To reorganise all Germany's war industries, laying greater stress on the air force and navy.

Drastic economic measures expected in Germany will take the form of a "blitz" campaign to decrease consumption of all goods, lower the standard of living in the Reich, and the "borrowing" for State purposes of all savings in the country.

#### Forced Loan

A compulsory "loan" will be levied on all workmen and employees, who will have to hand over to the State a certain percentage of their weekly wages and salaries.

In return they will get L.O.U.s payable "after the war."

The rush programme for naval construction is said to be already in full swing. Sixteen naval dockyards are said to be turning out U-boats by a system of mass production.

Goering plans to divide man power and finance for the war industries as to 80 per cent. for the Air Force and Navy and 20 per cent. for land forces.

The Berlin reporter of the Copenhagen National Tidende telephones to-night that Germany is pushing ahead production of a "new secret weapon" for use in attacks on fortified lines.



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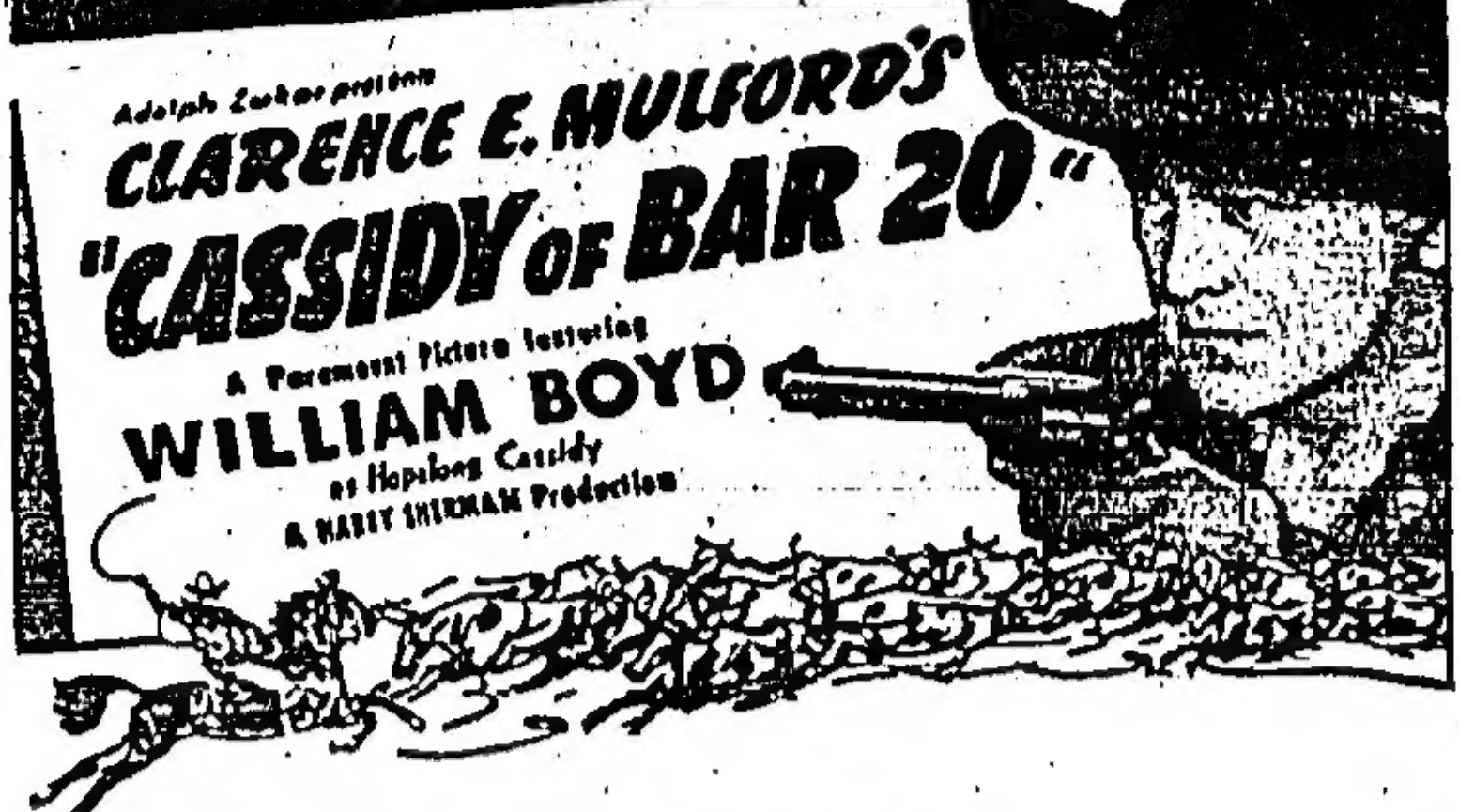
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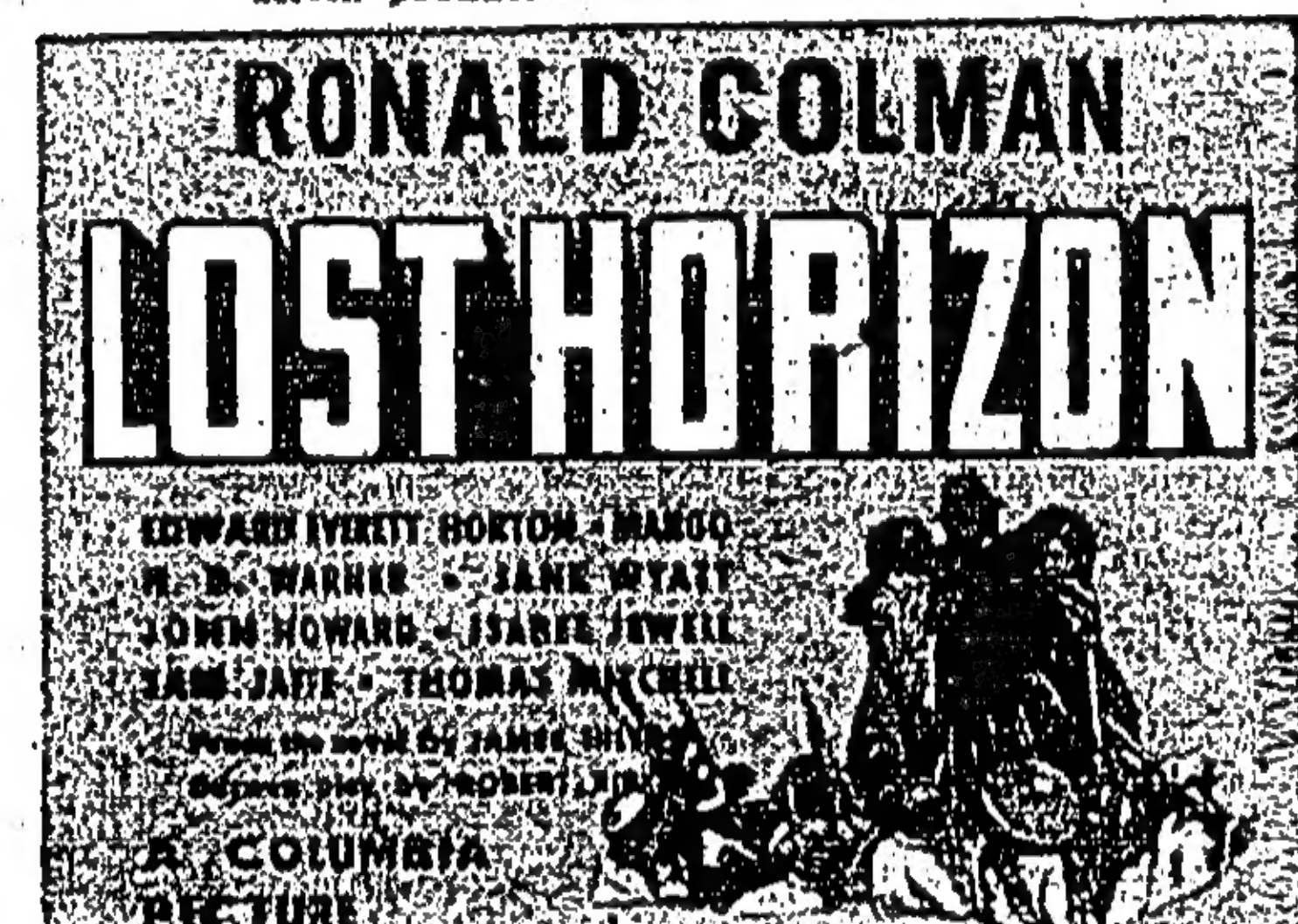


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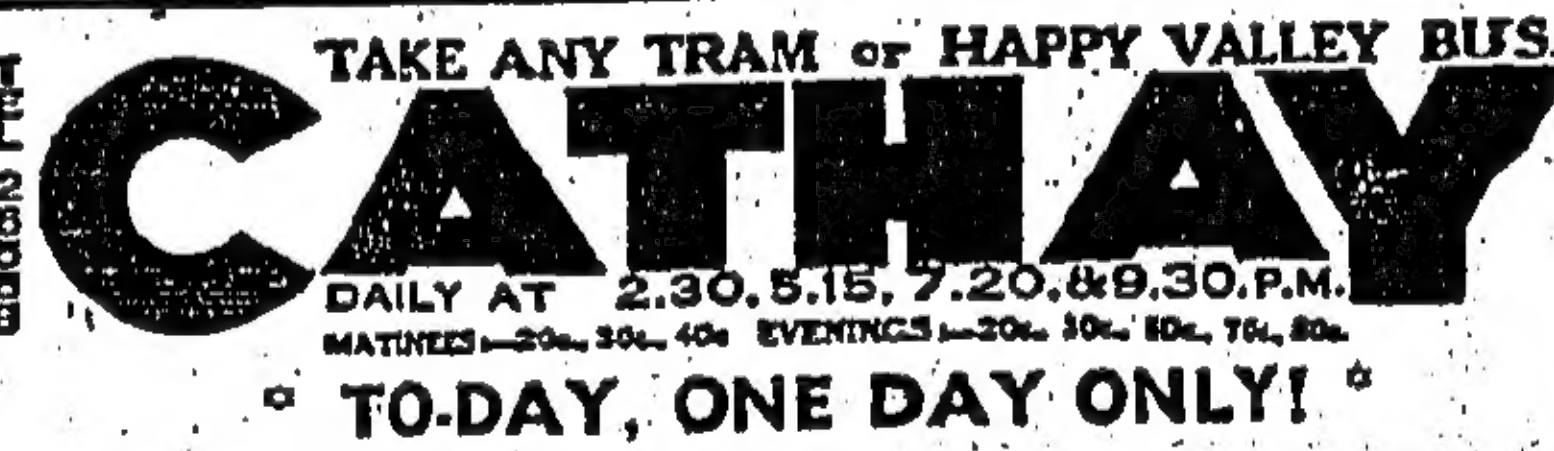
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ISTANBUL, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—M. Shukri Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, will leave Istanbul on January 31 for Belgrade, when the conference of the Balkan Entente—friendship.

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**BRITAIN'S PLEDGE TO BELGIUM—**

# Instantaneous Assistance If Germans Attack

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
**LONDON, Jan. 24 (UP).—**Britain is ready to go to the immediate assistance of Belgium if she is attacked.

This was made quite clear by Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-day when he dramatically revealed that Britain's pledges to Belgium placed the relationship of the two countries on the same footing as in 1914, namely, instantaneous Allied assistance in the event of an invasion.

## As They See It Abroad



**COUNCIL OF WAR** (From the "Petit Journal.")

Mr. Chamberlain added that Great Britain is giving "full attention" to the problem of quick aid to Belgium should the Nazis attack.

He was explicit regarding the Allied obligations to the Belgians, and said that both Britain and France were bound by treaties, and had otherwise pledged to go to Belgium's defence.

Allied strategists had gone so far as to plan a "fighting action" in order to fulfil this obligation.

Later in the speech, Mr. Chamberlain disclosed that Italy and Britain have carried out the 1938 agreement for an exchange of military information, and that further exchanges would be made this month.

Questioned with regard to the severing of relations with Russia, the Premier avoided a definite reply.

### Invasion Of Belgium Would Assist Allies

**BRUSSELS, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—**The best Easter present Hitler could give Britain and France would be to attack Belgium.

This is the view expressed by a noted Belgian military expert in a Belgian paper. If Belgium opens her frontiers to the Allies, gives them the help of her fortifications and her 600,000 men, and withdraws her exports, this would be a heavy blow to Germany, he says.

### Confirms Gov't Declaration

**LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—**In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain was asked whether the announcement by General Viscount Gort, the Commander-in-Chief of the B.E.F., to the effect that if Belgium was attacked, the Franco-British guarantee would come into play with lightning speed represented the view of His Majesty's Government, and whether military plans for implementing it were already prepared.

The Prime Minister said that under the Locarno Treaty, His Majesty's Government undertook to go to the immediate assistance of Belgium in the event of unprovoked aggression by Germany, and the undertaking was re-affirmed subsequently, in the course of a statement to the King of the Belgians by the British Ambassador in Brussels in August last.

In reply to the last part of the question, the Prime Minister said that the House could rest assured that questions of the implementation of all kinds could be implemented had received the Government's full attention.

### Must Wait For Appeal

**LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—**With regard to Mr. Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons, as regards the guarantee to Belgium, especially his remark that the Government must retain the right to decide what is threat of aggression, it is pointed out in Belgian quarters in London that the main factor which would bring the guarantee into operation must be an appeal from Belgium involving the provisions of the guarantee, says "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent.

### Hitler's "Advice" To His Fighters

**LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—**According to the German wireless, Hitler to-day addressed an audience of the German Army and air force cadets in the Berlin sport palace.

Speaking for the first time since the Munich bomb attempt, Hitler advised them "always to follow the example of Frederick the Great, who set a high standard of soldierly virtue."

To-day is the anniversary of Frederick the Great's birthday.

## Russians Can't Have Canadian Wheat

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

**OTTAWA, Jan. 24 (UP).—**An Order-in-Council has forestalled the reported plan to ship 1,000,000 bushels of wheat to Russia.

The Order forbids the export of any articles "to any neutral country contiguous to territories under occupation or control of the enemy without a permit from the Minister of National Revenue."

It is officially explained that the government acted as soon as it learned of the possibility that certain exports might reach Russia.

## Asama Affair Gives Nazis New Problem

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

**SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24 (UP).—**The seizure by British naval authorities of the Germans aboard the Asama Maru has caused the German authorities in San Francisco to change their plans concerning the repatriation of the 512 members of the crew of the scuttled Nazi liner Columbus.

It was originally planned to send the men back to Germany via Russia, entailing their crossing the Pacific.

Officials at the German Consulate to-day stated that they were now waiting for new orders from the German Embassy in Washington.

## FINANCING THE WAR

### Bank Manager's Warning

**LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—**It would be unsound for Government war expenditure to continue to be indefinitely financed by an increasing floating debt through the issue of Treasury bills, said Mr. Edwin Fisher, Chairman, at the annual meeting of Barclay's Bank to-day.

Ultimately the money borrowed for the war must be obtained mainly from the people's savings if inflation was to be avoided. The Government demand for borrowed money, however, was liable to be so large that the raising of the necessary funds would be assisted if some of the increased Government expenditure was first allowed to permeate the economic system and thus influence the volume of savings prior to the actual issue of loans to the public.

### Utopian Hope

It was Utopian to hope in war time that prices would not rise and wages remain stable, and the knowledge that such changes had already occurred lent emphasis to the need to prevent the dislocation of the economic structure.

Therefore, to the extent that an individual saved, Government expenditure would be facilitated and competitive bidding-up of prices avoided.

The control of imports and exports was essential in war time in order to meet the external purchasing power to the best advantage.

### Denials Necessary

It should be the endeavour to deny ourselves the importation of non-essential goods in favour of overseas requirements vital to our needs.

Economic strength would play such an impressive part in the war that no opportunities must be lost to sell more goods abroad, and essential that was to-day, concluded Mr. Fisher, it would be of transcendent value when called upon to face post-war problems.

## No U.S. Aviation Fuel For Reds

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—**The State Department has revealed that reports that the Soviets are using American aviation petrol are unfounded.

Only two barrels of aviation spirit were brought from the United States in the first 11 months of the last year, although 500,000 barrels of other grades of petrol were purchased.

## Japanese Naval Convoys For Merchantmen?

# ASAMA INCIDENT MAY BE SETTLED

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

**LONDON, Jan. 24 (UP).—**The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Shigemitsu, and the British Foreign Minister, Lord Halifax, held a further meeting this morning.

It is understood that they agreed that it was mutually desirable to adjust the Asama Maru case amicably.

A further meeting, with this agreement as a basis, is to be held.

Meanwhile, it is reported here that Japan intends to assign naval convoys to Japanese merchant ships.

There is at present no official confirmation of this report.

## Soviets Held Up At All Points

**HELSINGFORS, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—**There is no doubt that the new Soviet offensive around Lake Ladoga has been held up by the Finns at all points.

The offensive is apparently on a larger scale than any since the early days of the war. The Soviets have made a double attack, one to the north of lake Ladoga and the other on the Karelian Isthmus.

Wave on wave of Soviet troops came against the Finnish defences, but failed to break through. The Finns claim that the Russians lost over 1,000 men north of Lake Ladoga alone.

### Aircraft Buy

Meanwhile Russian aircraft continue to bomb central and southern Finland, four hospitals being hit. An air-raid shelter in a small town also received a direct hit, and 19 people were killed.

It is officially confirmed that six Soviet bombers were shot down on Tuesday and unofficial reports say that three more were brought down. Large sections of Finland's population who spend many hours in air raid shelters, and the authorities are now urging them to get at least one hot meal a day.

Workers and employers have come to an agreement to settle any questions arising between them by friendly negotiations.

### Heavy Russian Stakes

**HELSINGFORS, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—**As violent fighting continues north of Lake Ladoga, where the Russians are attempting to turn the Finns' flanks, it becomes more evident that the Soviet Command is staking a great deal on the offensive.

Fighting is now concentrated along the only railway in the district, part of which is in Finnish hands and a part under Russian control.

### Difficult Terrain

The terrain over which the Russians are trying to advance consists largely of forests and marshes. There is only one main road in the whole district, but possession of it would take the Russians into the heart of Finland.

Hitherto the Finns appear to have held their own against successive waves of Russian attacks, and the Finnish communiqué to-day states that fighting in this sector continued violently all day.

### "Angel Of Mons"

Finnish soldiers in this front declare that they have seen the "Angel of Mons" in the form of a large white figure of an angel with arms outstretched protectively facing towards the Russian lines.

Over 600 men have referred to this apparition in varying terms of belief or disbelief.

## ARMY OFFICER'S WIFE SPANKED BY HUSBAND

### Heavy Damages Against Lieutenant's Parents In Enticement Suit

**LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—**A special jury of five men and two women to-day awarded £3,500 damages in a King's Bench decision to Mrs. Valerie Porter, the 26-year-old wife of an Army Lieutenant, who alleged that her husband's parents enticed him away from her.

The award was made jointly against her father-in-law and mother-in-law, of Grosvenor Square, Mayfair.

The jury took nearly two hours in considering the verdict, which was given on the action's eighth day of hearing.

The Judge entered judgment with costs and granted a stay of execution for 21 days regarding £3,000 of the damages, pending notice of appeal.

## Britons In Poland Suffer Hardships

**LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—**Asked in the House of Commons to-day whether he had any information regarding conditions of British subjects in Poland, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that the Government had news relating to a total of 74 British subjects and 268 Poles in German-occupied territory and the remainder in the area occupied by Soviet forces.

### Nazi Hindrances

All were believed to be suffering considerable hardship efforts had been made to supply those in German-occupied area with parcels of food through the Red Cross, but the German Government had refused the necessary facilities.

As regards those in the Soviet area, the International Red Cross was examining the possibility of affording relief.

The British Ambassador in Moscow had sent members of his staff to Lvov to organise and assist in the withdrawal of British subjects and Polish citizens, and had made funds available for this purpose.

### Catholics Oppressed

**VATICAN CITY, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—**For the third day in succession, the Vatican City radio has denounced the German oppression of Roman Catholics in Poland.

In Germany itself, the announcer said, further attacks are being made on religion and all religious teaching, and schools are being abolished.

"This measure is a flagrant violation of the Vatican's Concordat with the Reich," said the announcer.

## SKETLAND BOMBING

### German Air Raid Was Abortive

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

**LONDON, Jan. 24 (UP).—**It has been confirmed that German raiders dropped at least six bombs on the Shetland Islands, in the course of an attack to-day.

Four fell in a sparsely populated district on the central mainland, where there are no military objectives.

The place where the two other bombs fell has not yet been located.

No damage was caused. It is reported that the planes were German Lightning machines.

According to one unconfirmed report, the raiders bombed a ship at sea to the east of the Shetlands.

**PLEASE Turn To Page 5.**

## "Not Of National Importance"

# UNITY MITFORD DEBATED IN HOUSE OF LORDS

**LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—**A recent film depicting and commenting on (A) the return of Miss Unity Mitford to Folkestone and (B) the resignation of Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha led to an interesting debate in the House of Lords, where Lord Denman asked the House to approve a motion that careful censorship of news films in war-time was necessary.

Lord Denman said that to magnify the return of Miss Unity Mitford into a matter of national importance was absurd, and to pour ridicule on her return, as was done in the film commentary, was unfair and ungenerous.

Lord Denman added that the House had made an error of judgment in saying that the public resented Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation.

**Not Colonial Blimps**  
While fully recognising Mr. Hore-Belisha's abilities, he reminded the House that there was a British Army before Mr. Hore-Belisha became War Minister.

## LATEST

# Blitzkrieg In March Expected

**PARIS, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—**A warning that a large-scale German attack may be expected at any time between one and one and a half months from now was given by French military circles to-day.

They urged that the present landlocked condition of the forces on the Western Front should not be considered a sign that the inaction would continue indefinitely.

They recalled that on February 21, 1918, the Germans were ready to launch the historic Verdun offensive and though it was impossible to forecast Hitler's plans with any certainty, this example must be borne in mind.

## ARMY OFFICER'S WIFE SPANKED BY HUSBAND

### Heavy Damages Against Lieutenant's Parents In Enticement Suit

**LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—**A special jury of five men and two women to-day awarded £3,500 damages in a King's Bench decision to Mrs. Valerie Porter, the 26-year-old wife of an Army Lieutenant, who alleged that her husband's parents enticed him away from her.

The award was made jointly against her father-in-law and mother-in-law, of Grosvenor Square, Mayfair.

The jury took nearly two hours in considering the verdict, which was given on the action's eighth day of hearing.

The Judge entered judgment with costs and granted a stay of execution for 21 days regarding £3,000 of the damages, pending notice of appeal.

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Sunday, Jan. 28  
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Canton. 7.15 a.m.  
Haiphong (parcels only). 1.00 p.m.  
Canton. 7 p.m.  
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2	4221	Mong Kok and Adjoining Lot No. 4220, Canton Road, Mong Kok.	N. S. E. W.	feet feet feet feet	Acres	
					1.160	\$ 16,770
					As per sale plan.	

## Britain Winning Economic War

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—The  
Ministry of Economic Warfare states  
that there were 35 neutral ships on  
Tuesday in the three Contraband  
Control bases in the United Kingdom.  
Of these ships, 25 had been there for  
five days or less.

During the week, the Contraband  
Committee had considered the cargoes  
of 80 ships, which had arrived since  
January 13, and 33 outstanding car-  
goes from the previous week.

In 52 cases, the entire cargoes were  
released.



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# CO-RESPONDENT DR. STRUCK OFF THE REGISTER

A DOCTOR who was co-  
respondent in a divorce  
suit was ordered to be  
struck off the Medical Re-  
gister by the General  
Medical Council recently.

He is Dr. George Holman, re-  
gistered as of Dover House-  
road, Richmond, S.W.

It was alleged that he committed  
misconduct with Mrs. Olive May  
Dunand, that he stood in professional  
relationship with Mrs. Dunand and  
her husband, Mr. Ernest Lennart  
Dunand, and that he was guilty of  
infamous conduct in a professional  
respect.

Mr. Winterbottom, solicitor to the  
council, read a typescript of evidence  
given in the Divorce Court, and said  
that Mr. Dunand was a director and  
lived at East Sheen, S.W.

He married when he was twenty-  
five and his wife, twenty-three, and  
there were four daughters.  
The evidence showed that accord-  
ing to Mr. Dunand, Dr. Holman was  
in attendance when Mrs. Dunand's  
second child was born.

Dr. Dunand spoke of noticing a  
change in his wife's affections in 1934  
and the following year she told him  
she no longer loved him.

Mr. Thomas Carthew, K.C., for Dr.  
Holman, said that he married Mrs.  
Dunand immediately after the decree  
nisi was made absolute.

## Affection Grew

Dr. Holman had been qualified for  
thirty years. Mr. Carthew continued:  
"Here is a man who, apart from this,  
has a most honourable and high  
character both in regard to his pro-  
fessional work and his private as-  
sociations."

"From the evidence which has been  
received this affection between the  
doctor and Mrs. Dunand grew, and  
apparently had been maturing for  
some time."

"However serious and heinous in  
your eyes this offence must be, I can  
only beg on his behalf and of his  
wife that you will temper justice  
with mercy."

After considering the case in  
camera, the president announced  
that the facts alleged against the  
doctor had been proved, and that they  
had found him guilty of infamous  
conduct in a professional respect.

## ALSO OFF

Dr. Arthur Patrick Kennedy, re-  
gistered as of New Bridge-street,  
Wolverhampton, who was sentenced  
in June to eight months' imprisonment  
for conspiring in an offence concern-  
ing two women, was struck off the  
register recently by the General  
Medical Council.

A petition for clemency signed by  
nearly 4,000 friends and patients was  
presented to the council.

## NAZI SCUTTLING TO BE STOPPED

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—The  
Civil Lord of the Admiralty stated  
in the House of Commons to-day  
that special orders had been given to  
His Majesty's ships with the view to  
frustrating the regular practice of the  
cruisers of German merchant ships of  
scuttling their ships to avoid cap-  
ture.

# All Nazis In Poland To Carry Arms

baracks to be forcibly deported from  
the town.

## Church A Prison

The church of the Bernardin  
monks, the largest church in Kalisz,  
has been transformed by the German  
authorities into a prison, where the  
young Poles who refused deportation  
are confined. The Gestapo has de-  
creed that Poles and Jews have the  
right to receive only half the food  
rations to which the Germans are  
entitled. Executions are a daily  
occurrence.

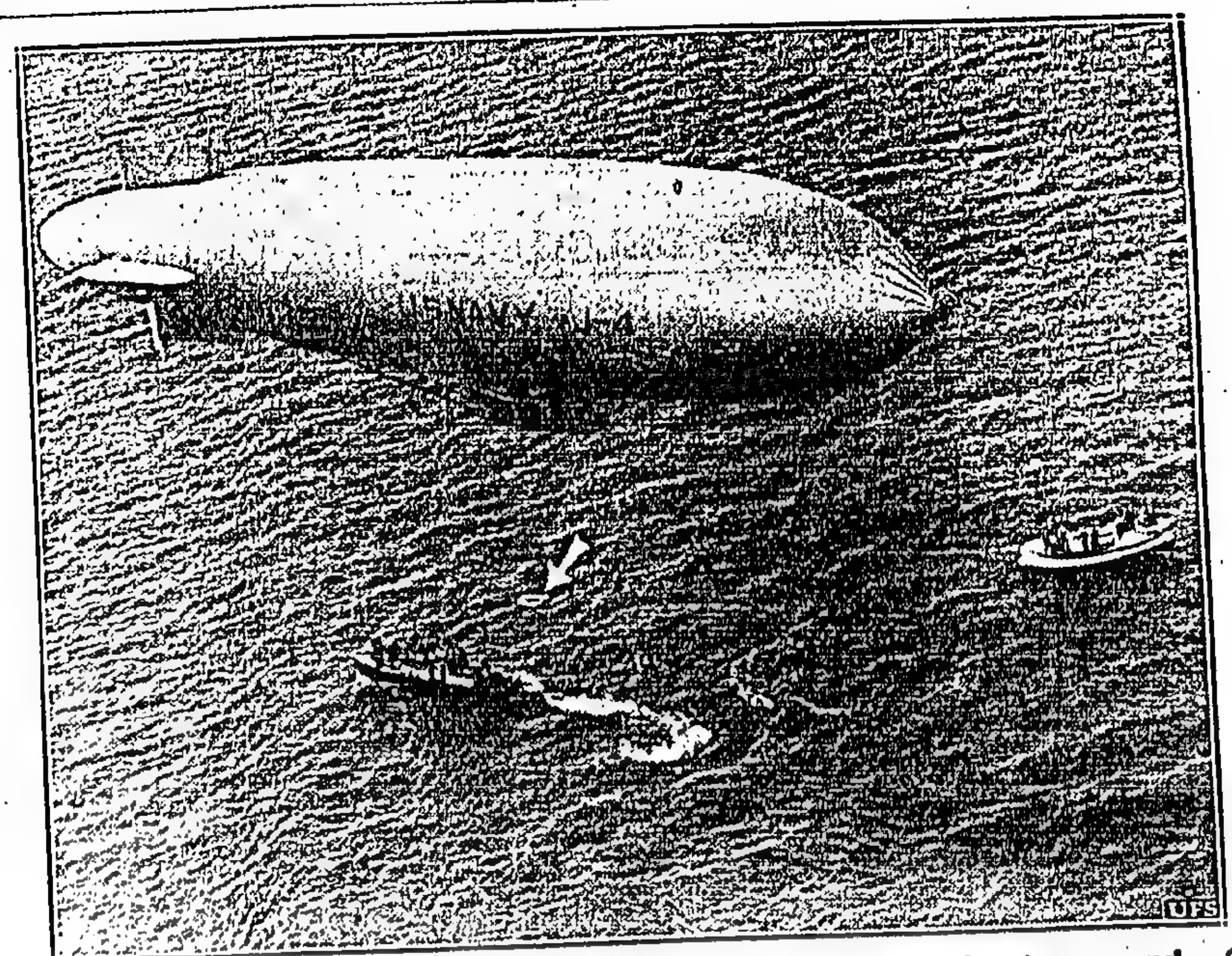
A Catholic priest and five land-  
owners were executed in the main  
square on market-day at noon in the  
presence of the population. The only  
charge brought against them was  
that they were in possession of arms.  
These proved to be sporting rifles.

## Nazi Houses For Army Officers

SINGAPORE.—Shortage of  
houses for military officers and  
civil servants in Singapore has  
led the Straits Settlements Gov-  
ernment to take over property  
formerly owned by German sub-  
jects in the colony.

The former German club, Deutsches  
Haus, is likely to be converted into  
government quarters for European  
officers for the duration of the war.  
Five houses in the residential area  
of the town have already been al-  
located for civil and military officers.

The ultimate disposal of the Ger-  
man club and other German property  
will not be decided until after the  
war.



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# GERMAN PUBLICIST ATTACKS MOSCOW

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 5.

AS Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia were to-day pre-  
paring for their forthcoming talks in Berlin which some Nazi  
circles claim will lead to a military alliance between the two  
countries, Herr Rudolf Kirchher, editor of the Frankfurter  
Zeitung, made a thinly veiled attack on Bolshevism and its  
danger to Europe.

Berlin reports say that his article  
caused a sensation in Germany, for  
Kirchher's article is the spearhead of  
a drive against Ribbentrop and his  
pro-Russian policy started by Ger-  
many's big industry and finance  
which is anxiously trying to prevent  
any closer co-operation with the  
Bolsheviks.

"Problems will arise which will  
make this war between Germany and  
Britain seem still more absurd than  
it appears to be even to-day."  
There is no doubt from the con-  
text of the article that by "terrible  
currents" Kirchher means the danger  
of Bolshevism.

Among foreigners in Berlin there  
were three explanations for this at-  
tack. The first, and most unlikely, is  
that the article was launched delib-  
erately to raise Germany's price in  
the talks with Russia.

Peace Move?  
The second is that it is just an-  
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raising the bogey of Europe en-  
ture.

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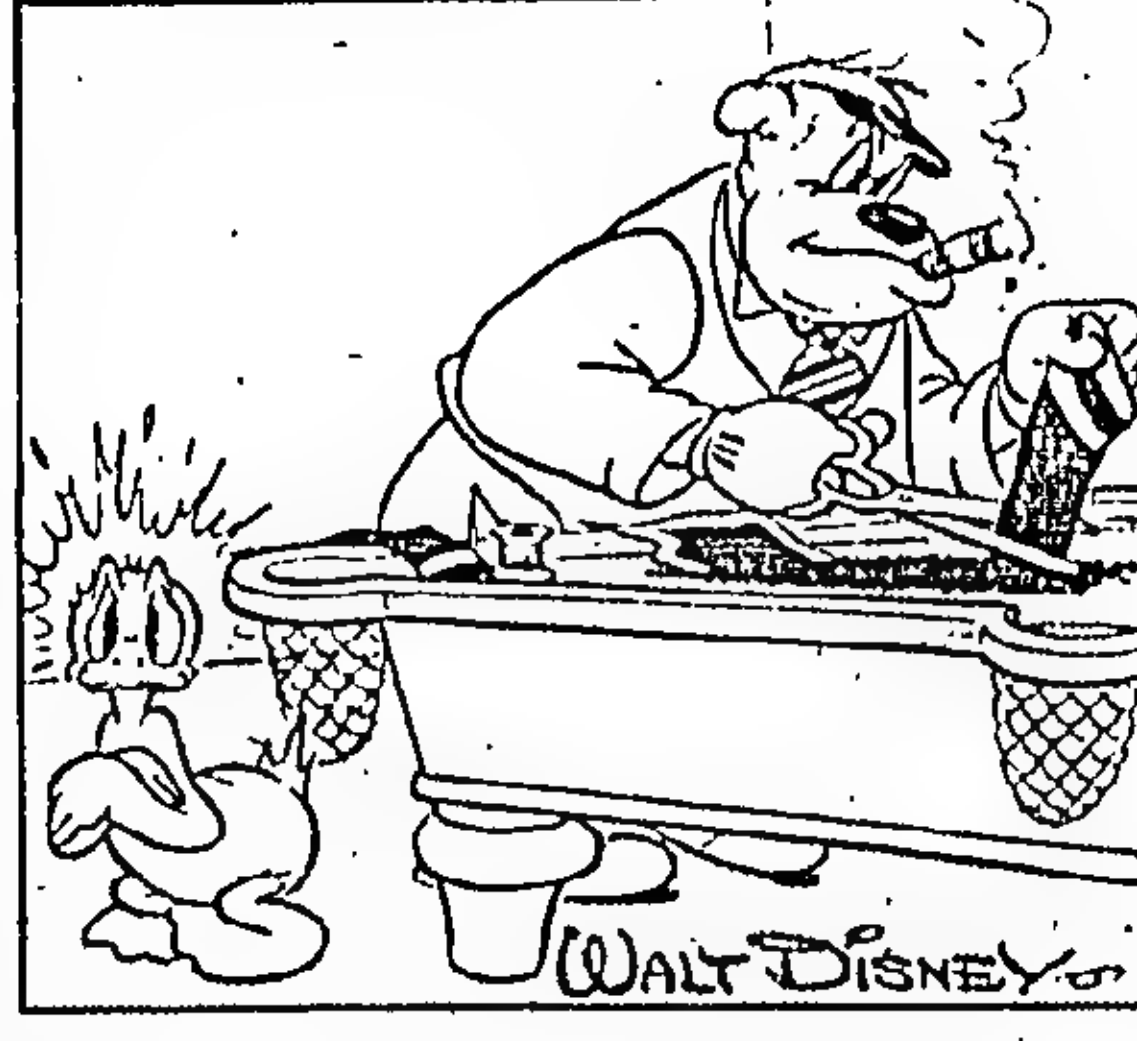
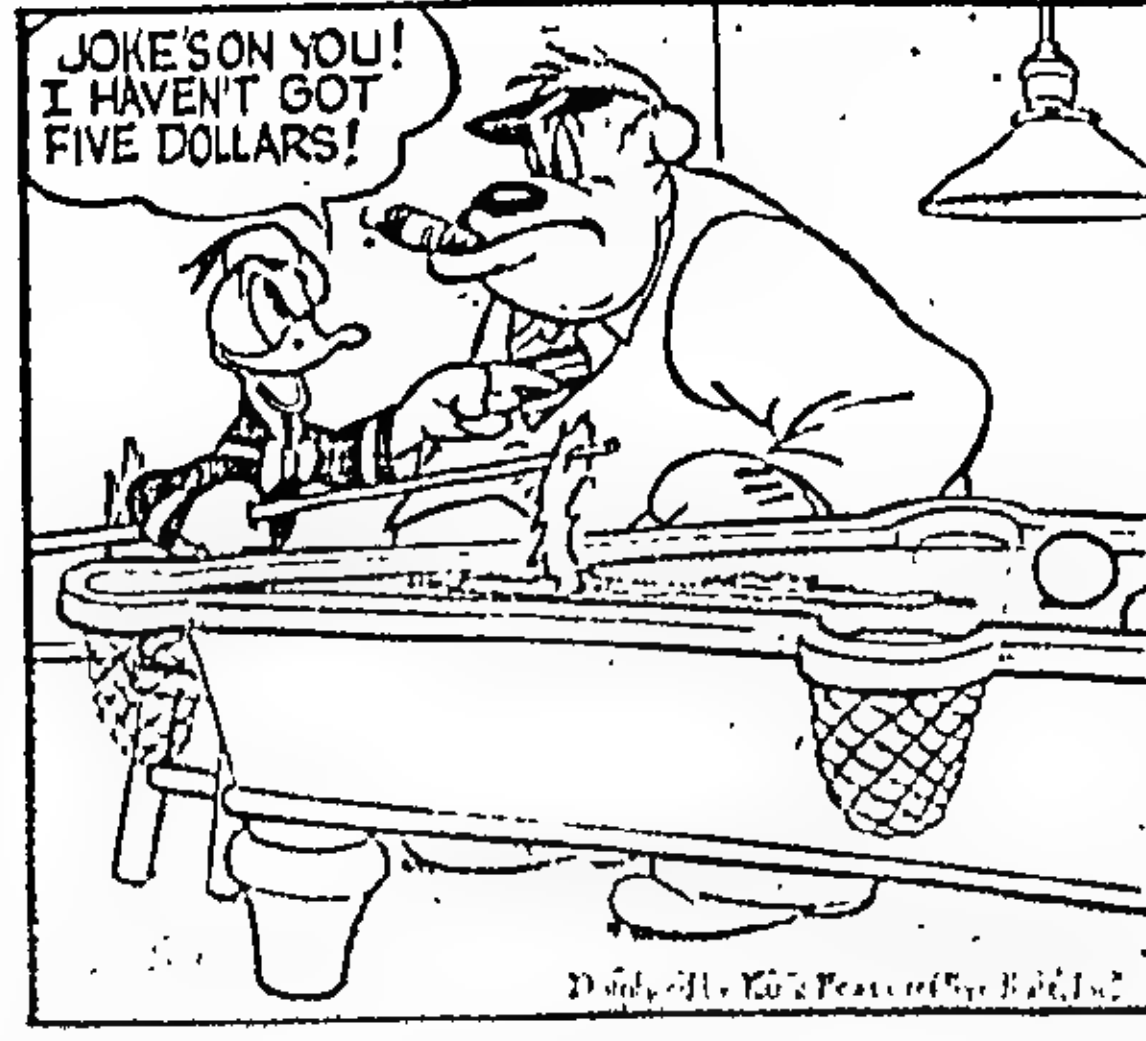
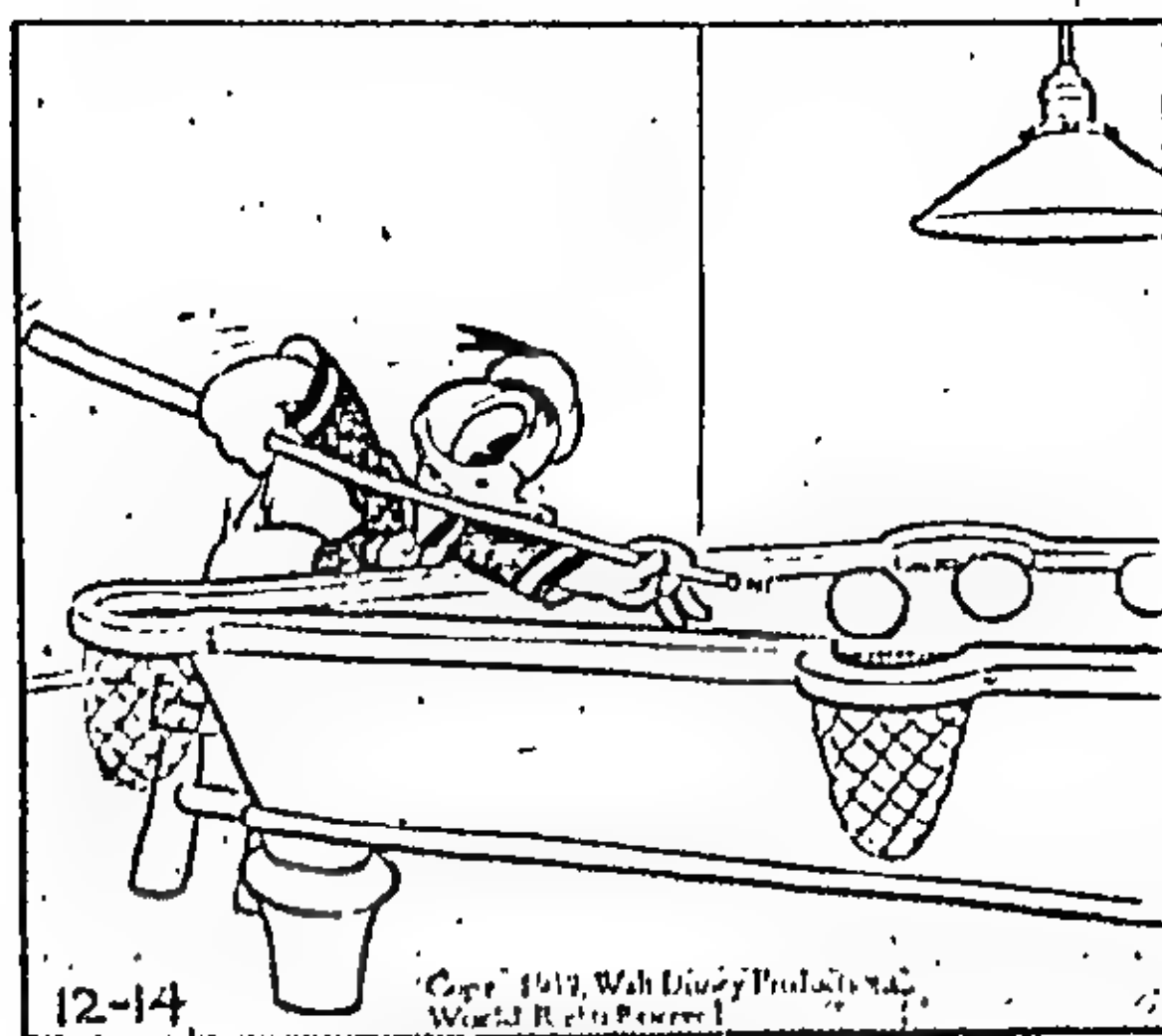
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## Uruguayans Cheer Themselves Hoarse In Welcome To The Ajax BRITISH WARSHIP'S TRIUMPHANT ENTRY INTO MONTEVIDEO

From Daily Mail Special Correspondent

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 4.

THE British cruiser Ajax swung proudly into Montevideo Harbour to-day to receive a welcome which could not have been greater if she had been entering her home port.

The tens of thousands of Uruguayans who saw her light the Admiral Graf Spee once again crowded the waterfront. This time they cheered themselves hoarse and hurled confetti and streamers as the embarrassed British officers and men stepped ashore.

Across the River Plate at Buenos Aires, H.M.S. Achilles was given a similar reception by an Argentine crowd.

Many among the welcoming thousands here waved Union Jacks.

Some carried huge posters marked "Hail the Nelson touch" above their bobbing heads. Again and again they broke through the police lines.

It was a triumphant but strenuous return to port for the Ajax company. The men were mobbed by shouting, gesticulating people who almost bowled the sailors off their feet. A petty officer said he had "seen nothing like it since the Cup Final."

Police had to force a way through the throng to help the sailors into buses which were to take them to a barbecue (feast) at the Sayago Polo Club.

At the Plaza de la Independencia—Montevideo's Piccadilly-circus—the buses were held up for 15 minutes by the crowds.

Girls leapt on to the running boards to present bouquets to the men and shake their hands.

The greatest cheer of all was reserved for Rear-Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, the man whose genius won the battle.

Shy and a little nonplussed by all the excitement, he ducked below decks when he saw the crowd trying to charge their way on to his ship.

At last the British Minister, Mr. Millington Drake, was able to struggle aboard to welcome him. After a conference they came ashore guarded by a strong force of police.

### Passed Graf Spee

There was a victory luncheon at the British Legation, and to-night a formal dinner and dance is being given for officers and men.

To-morrow they will be entertained by the Uruguayan Pro-Allies Committee.

To-day was not without its drama. To drop anchor at Uruguayan port the cruiser had to steer up harbour past the burned-out wreck of the scuttled Graf Spee.

Officers and men lined the decks and saluted.

Soon after the Ajax fired a salute, which was answered by the shore batteries and the sirens of ships in the harbour.

Ajax also passed near the interned Nazi supply ship Tacoma, which is still lying in the outer harbour under the command of Uruguayan naval officials. German seamen watched curiously the progress of the British ship.

Montevideans were surprised to see comparatively few signs of battle on the Ajax, though it was noticed that two of her turrets were scarred.

No repairs will be carried out here. The Ajax is paying a purely courtesy visit which is not expected to last more than two days—long enough to give the crew time to stretch their legs ashore.

### The Battle—By Sir Henry

Sir Henry Harwood gave his first account of the battle to-day. The Graf Spee, he said, was sighted at 6.10 a.m. on December 13.

"She advanced and opened fire at 6.18, with one turret firing at the Exeter and the other at the Ajax or Achilles.

"We all went at full speed and attacked in accordance with a pre-arranged plan.

"The Exeter was on one flank, the Ajax and the Achilles on the other.

"The Exeter was hit early on. The bridge was wrecked and some guns were put out of action, but she went on closing in.



No sign of life seems to remain in this former German village, somewhere in No Man's Land on the Western Front. No human is abroad no vehicle moves, not even a dog roams the streets of this deserted place. It's a ghost town now, for all the inhabitants left when war broke out. Note barricade set up by retreating French. Picture passed by German censor.

## SHE SAID 'BLESS': HE SAID 'CHEERIO'

From GILES ROMILLY

Daily Express Staff Reporter

REYKJAVIK (Iceland).—Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_, wife of the R.A.F. officer who landed in Iceland, went away, and then returned to be interned, had her first lesson in Icelandic recently.

She is teaching herself the language with the help of a primer which cost 15s. in Reykjavik.

She and her husband (their name is being kept secret) are staying with Dr. Olafson at Bessastadir, and I found her in the drawing-room trying to master the thirty-three-letter Icelandic alphabet.

The doctor's wife and his pretty daughter stood over her correcting her mistakes and praising her well-written letters.

Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ said: "It is strange that the first foreign language I should attempt should be Icelandic. That is something I owe to my husband. I never thought that once having

## Mourners Rationed To One Dress

HITLER has just made a concession to Germany's women.

They are allowed to buy black materials for one mourning dress if they can produce documentary proof that a near relative has lost his life in action.

The Nazi authorities, however, seem to fear that this benefit for war widows may be abused.

They have therefore forbidden cloth dealers to hand the cloth to the customer. She must leave the address of her dressmaker behind.

The black cloth will then be sent to the dressmaker, who is warned that under no circumstances must it be used for anything but a mourning dress.

GERMAN workers have been roused by the latest manifestation of Nazi meanness.

A decree has been issued which instructs employers that their workers must make up working time which they lose during an air raid warning.

Working time cut short by such alarms must be made up within six weeks or workers will have 50 per cent. of their normal wages for the lost time deducted.

"BRITAIN, the robber-State" is the subject of Munich's big New Year exhibition. It gives a picture of the "murderous activity of Britain during the last 140 years."

The first victim of Britain's "assassination campaign," according to the Nazis, is Tsar Paul I of Russia, who was killed in 1801.

He was followed by Abraham Lincoln and King Carlos of Portugal. Indeed, every murder, or even accident that occurred to an international personage during the last 140 years is placed to the account of the British Secret Service.

The "table of crimes" includes, of course, the attack against Hitler in the Munich beer-house, and the exhibition is described as the result of many decades of research work.

## Al Capone As A Squire

TERMINAL ISLAND, California (U.P.).—Al Capone will spend the rest of his life, according to relatives, as the squire of a Florida estate.

His Irish wife, Mae Capone, and their son are expected to join Capone at the Florida winter home required when he was sent to the Chicago underworld.

He is expected to lead a quiet life in Florida. It will be practically a prisoner in his own home.

He suffers from paresis, is partially paralyzed, and has a great "fear complex" that some of his Chicago enemies will "catch up with him."

Capone was convicted on income tax evasion charges in Chicago Federal Court on October 10, 1931.

He entered Atlantic penitentiary on May 4, 1932, and was transferred to "The Rock" in San Francisco Bay August 4, 1934.

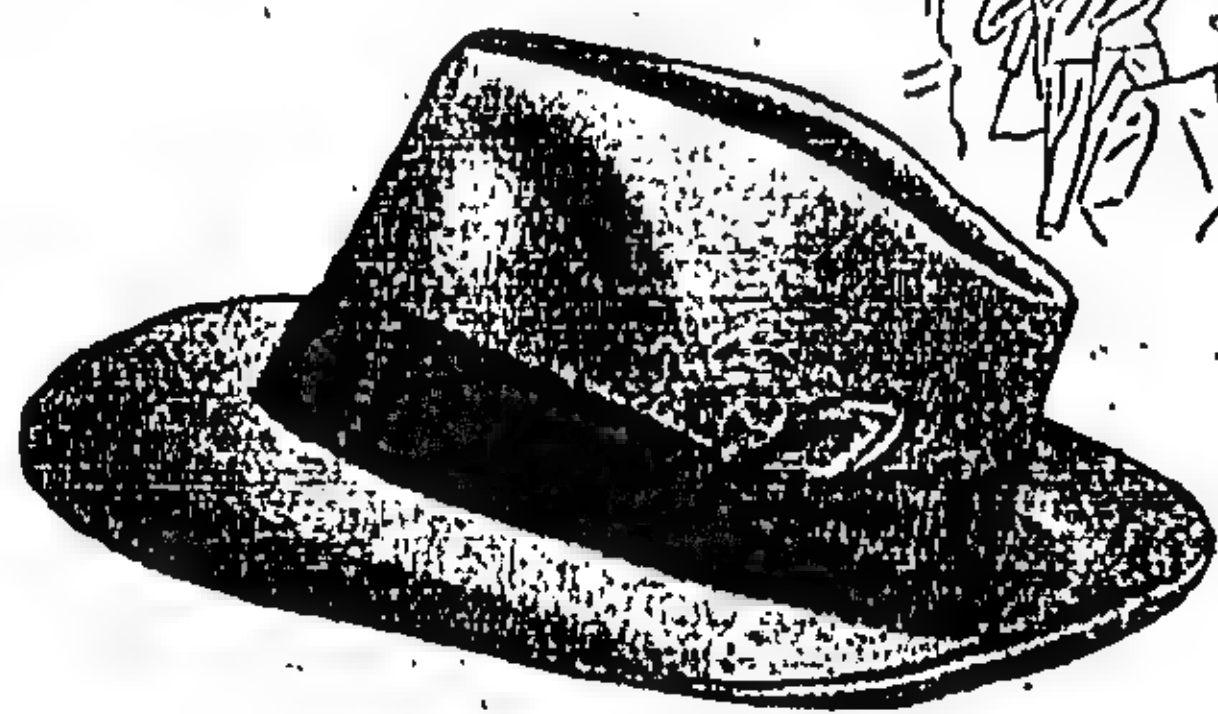


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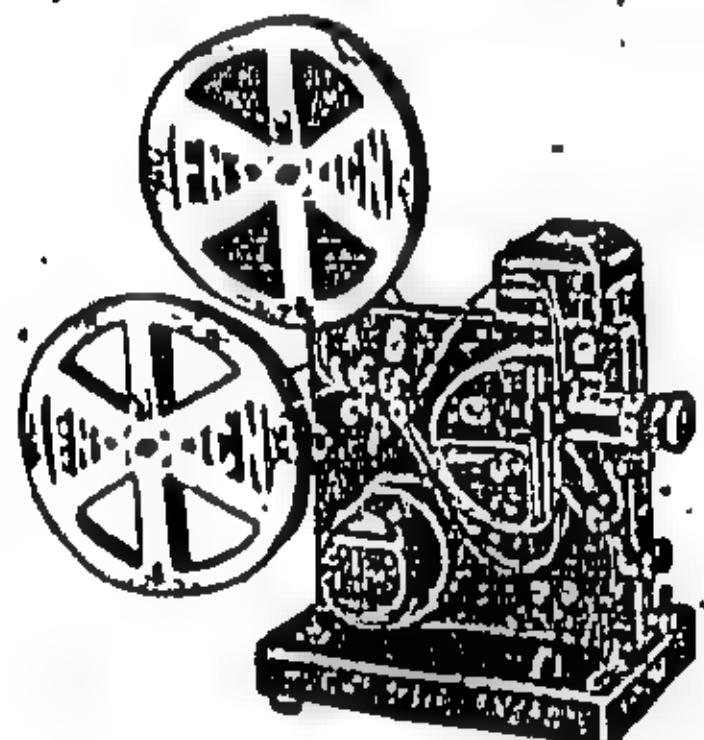
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### Danger At Sea

THE WAR moves to a grimmer  
stage with the indiscriminate  
mining of shipping routes by  
Nazi Germany.

Already this campaign has  
brought to Germany a number  
of formidable successes.

It would be foolish for us to  
close our eyes to that fact or to  
attempt to minimise it in any  
way.

And it would be idle to deny  
that the magnetic mine intro-  
duces a weapon which it is  
difficult to completely combat,  
as we have combated the U-Boat.

This indiscriminate mining of  
shipping routes, which already  
has claimed its greatest successes  
against neutral shipping, is of  
course absolutely opposed to  
international law.

But it was always foolish to  
expect that Nazi Germany would  
pay any respect to that—and  
few in Britain or France made  
the mistake of thinking that it  
would.

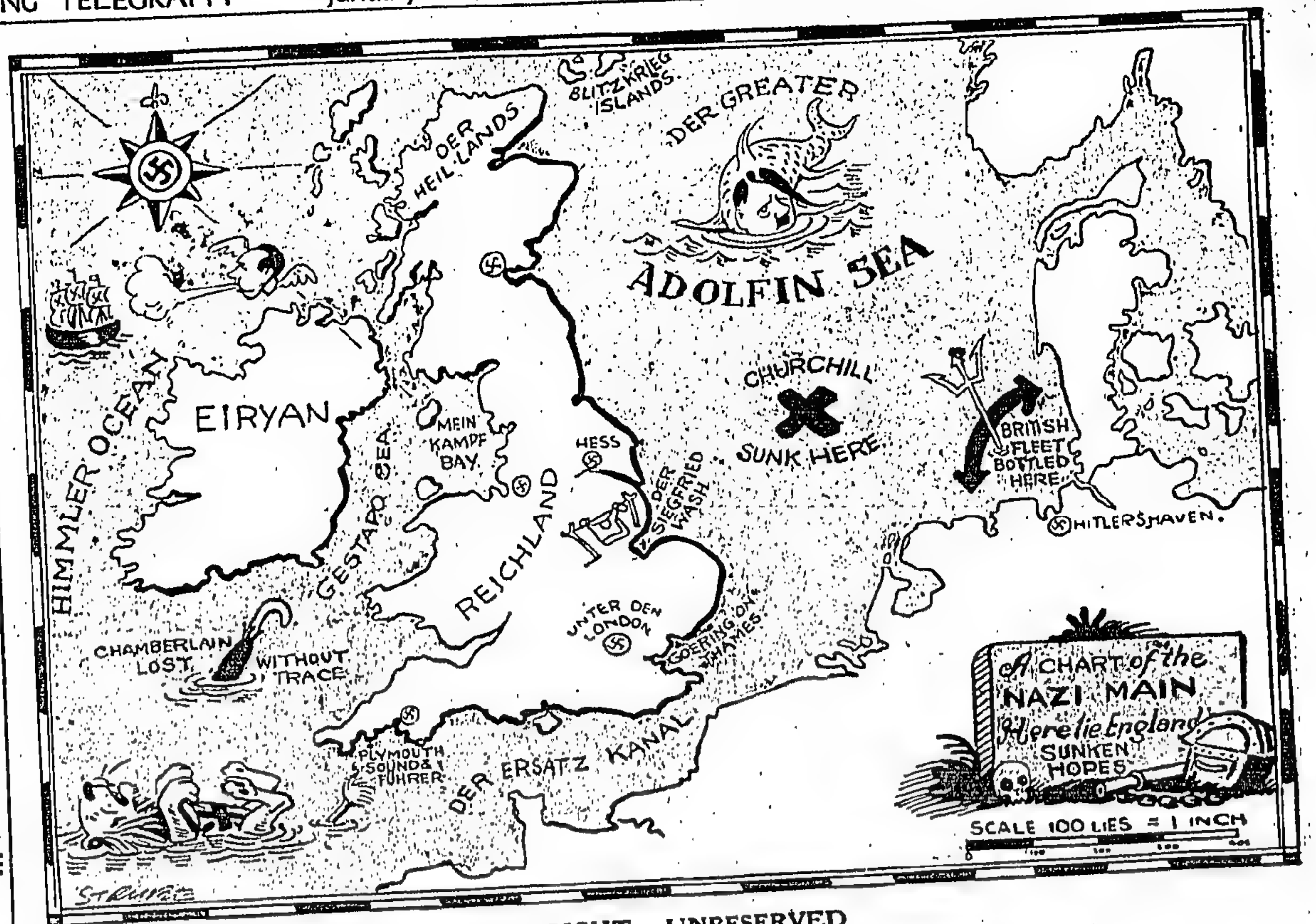
Our naval experts and  
scientists have already found a  
counter to the magnetic mine.  
But, just as in the last war,  
we must be prepared to face  
shipping losses until peace comes  
again.

Against the submarine we  
have so far been extremely  
successful. This murder weapon  
of the sea is more difficult to  
combat.

The British people, who have  
been encouraged by the successes  
of the Navy against the sub-  
marine menace, will not be cast  
down by any losses from mines.

All that they will ask is that  
there shall at no time be any  
attempt to hide from them the  
real facts of the situation, how-  
ever serious.

We flourish best on the truth,  
whether it be good or ill.



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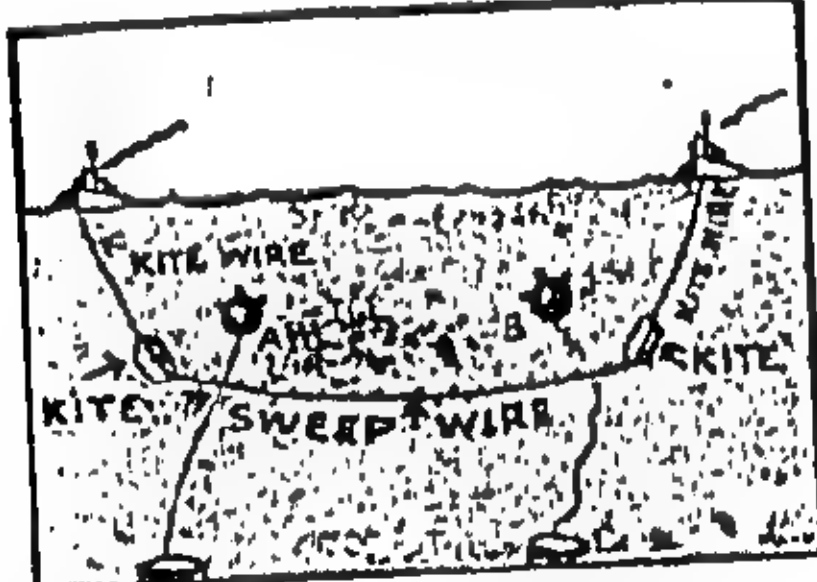
(A map has been published in the German papers showing how Germany rules the North Sea.)  
—STRUBE IN THE "DAILY EXPRESS"

## MINESWEEPING

The Navy's Most  
Dangerous Job

**OFFICIAL AD-  
MIRALTY COM-  
MUNIQUE 24-1-40:**  
"The Secretary of the  
Admiralty regrets to an-  
nounce the loss of H.M.  
destroyer Exmouth by the  
explosion of a German mine  
or torpedo. It is feared  
that all the crew have been  
lost. The next of kin of  
casualties have been in-  
formed and a casualty list  
will be issued shortly."  
A naval officer looked over my  
shoulder and read this message  
in my hand. "Well," he said,  
"that's another of them."

**HOW** many more times  
will my colleagues  
and myself read such messages  
during the war? During the  
four years three months and  
seven days of the last war pre-  
decessors printed an average of  
one a week.



A. Mine about to enter Sweep.  
B. Mine mooring cable cut by Sweep, and  
mine rising to surface where it will be  
destroyed.

During that war the Germans  
laid 43,636 mines, and at one  
period one sweeper was lost for  
every two mines swept up. Each  
time half the crew was killed  
or drowned—not to mention  
scalded hands and faces, severed  
or broken limbs, nerves shat-  
tered by a bloody ordeal which  
those who survived it could not  
escape to the end of their days.

**TWO** hundred and four-  
teen times such a  
communique was sent out by the  
Admiralty and behind the for-  
mal phrases lay each time a  
story of the courage and endur-  
ance of men which, could it have  
been told, "would have stirred  
the heart of every Englishman."  
But because of the secrecy  
with which the Navy must work  
in war the story could not be  
told then. Because of the re-  
ticence of those men to talk  
about themselves it is even now  
only partly known.

In a rare moment of frank-  
ness one of them once said  
channel or headland round these  
"Minesweeping is a dog's life,  
only no dog has ever had to put  
up with anything like it."

**ON** the readiness of Shetlands to the Channel the  
some thousands of submarines dropped a deadly  
trail; while big ocean-going craft  
officers and men of the Royal  
Navy, fishermen and volunteers  
from various walks of life ashore  
to live that life, day in day out,  
year in year out, depends your  
existence in time of war, for  
without them you would starve,  
or your Government would be  
compelled to surrender on the  
enemy's terms.

It is now a commonplace that  
the Navy ultimately stands be-  
tween this country and defeat  
in war. For unless the seas can  
be kept open by the Fleet for  
the merchantmen who bring our  
food to these shores we cannot  
exist.

It is not so well realised that  
without the ships which keep  
open the oceans for them, the  
men-of-war could not keep open  
the way for the merchantmen  
to go about their business.  
Without these sweepers of the  
seas the British Navy would be  
in deadly peril of destruction  
every time it put out of its ports  
and might very well be unable  
to put out at all.

**ON** February 1, 1917,  
the Germans started  
their unrestricted submarine  
campaign, attacking ships on  
sight with torpedo and laying  
mines in thousands in the open  
seas. In 1914-1915 568 British,  
Allied or neutral merchantmen  
were sent to the bottom.

On April 19, the worst day of  
the worst month of the war,  
eleven British merchantmen and  
eight fighting craft were de-  
stroyed. One out of every four  
ships that left these islands in  
that month never returned. The  
U-boat was bringing Britain to  
the verge of starvation.

There was hardly a harbour,  
in which they may not be more  
than a hair's-breadth from being  
blown sky high and probably  
mines at least once. From the  
never seen again. If they are

A sixteen-inch gun in a  
battleship is as much good as  
a penny whistle when it comes  
to cleaning the seas of mines.  
This is where the fishermen of  
Britain came in literally to save  
our bacon and bread and butter  
and almost every kind of good  
on which the people of these  
islands depend.

In the beginning, this country  
had a handful of old gunboats  
and trawlers. In 1918 a fleet of  
726 fully-equipped vessels was  
sweeping a 1,000-mile channel  
every day to give safe passage  
to the merchantmen.

When the terrible danger was  
fully realised fishing skippers  
and their crews volunteered  
from every port to do this work,  
at first under the direction of  
trained naval men and then  
alone.

In their ranks went some who  
had never previously set foot in  
a rowing boat, let alone a sea-  
going craft—some, astonishing-  
ly enough, for the sake of  
adventure—some because, al-  
though they refused to take life,  
they were willing to risk losing  
their own to save others. Among  
these were the Quakers and  
other Conscientious Objectors.

And this is the work they  
willingly and even eagerly under-  
took and which as you read this  
in thousands of their successors  
are enduring now.

Every day a channel clear of  
mines must be kept open round  
the entire length of our coasts.

Every day now from unnamed  
ports sail converted trawlers  
which a few weeks ago were en-  
gaged in fishing. Epics of their  
hardihood of their crews in  
peace-time have been written.  
Their war job is fantastically  
perilous.

There is not a second of any  
minute of any hour of any day  
in which they may not be more  
than a hair's-breadth from being  
blown sky high and probably  
mines at least once. From the  
never seen again. If they are

not killed outright they may be  
horribly mutilated and die of  
wounds and exposure in a wintry  
sea, or suffocate in the exploded  
fumes of a mine, or drift for  
hours on a piece of wreckage  
suffering the torments of the  
damned from injuries or the  
freezing waters.

**MINES** are usually sown  
in fields—a few hun-  
dred at the entrance to some  
channel or harbour or, as in the  
last few days, in a part of the  
open sea used by our own and  
neutral shipping on their lawful  
business.

Their destruction is not only  
a matter of courage and endur-  
ance, but of scientific calculation  
and precision.

The most common method is  
shown in the accompanying il-  
lustration: A sweep wire is pass-  
ed between two sweeping ships,  
which steam abreast. This is  
kept in the water at a predeter-  
mined depth by "kites" which  
weigh it down. Often the sweep  
wire has a serrated edge. This  
cuts the cable of a mine moored  
to the bed of the sea and brings  
it to the surface to be destroyed  
by gun or rifle fire.

Nothing can be seen—except  
the cold grey waste of the  
waters. Unlike a submarine, a  
mine cannot be located by an  
apparatus. Blindly the sweepers  
steam ahead until a mine is  
caught and brought up or until  
the hull is impaled upon one  
of the leaden horns and the little  
vessel of probably not more than  
250 tons is blown to fragments  
by an explosion which could  
destroy a Queen Mary or a Hood.

**THAT** was probably how  
the Exmouth met her  
end on Tuesday. Frequently a  
minefield is only located when a  
ship is lost.

Then into the sea of death sail  
the sweepers, knowing that  
every moment may be their last.

From the Admiralty may come  
communiques announcing briefly  
the loss of one, or two, or three,  
but in a few days the way is  
safe again.

We do not know how many  
mines are being laid now or the  
toll of life and material that will  
be taken by them but whatever  
the peril and whatever the hard-  
ship and suffering that may have  
to be endured to defeat them,  
be assured that from the humble  
cottages of the fisher-folk of  
Britain will come men to endure  
it until there is not a mine left  
in the sea.



## New Speed Limit Britain To Slow Down Traffic

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—The new speed regulations will come into effect on February 1, reducing the speed limit during black-outs from 30 to 20 miles an hour.

None of the papers doubts that this is a move in the right direction. Deaths of civilians have exceeded those of members of the armed forces on active service, and the death-roll has increased as the nights get longer.

**Newspaper Doubts**  
Many papers, however, wonder whether the regulations go far enough. The "Daily Telegraph," for instance, is somewhat scornful, and asks how the Ministry of Transport proposes to enforce the 20-miles an hour speed limit during black-outs when the number plate cannot be seen.

Nothing, says the paper, can be achieved by sending out policemen armed with notebooks to prow through the night, peer through the gloom and peep through the dark. The "Manchester Guardian" and some other papers wonder whether it would not be possible to relax some black-out restrictions in order to reduce the danger to lives after dark.

## CANADIAN WAR PLANS

\$30,000,000 Programme  
Is Revealed

OTTAWA, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—A programme involving the purchase of well over U.S.\$30,000,000 of naval units and aircraft was announced by Mr. Howe, the Canadian Minister of Transport, on behalf of the War Supply Board.

The programme will tax the Canadian shipyards and aeroplane factories to the utmost capacity.

Mr. Howe said that orders have been or are being placed for 46 steel anti-submarine boats of a whale-ender design, 26 mine-sweepers, a large fleet of small motor boats and cars for about 4,000 aircraft.

Mr. Howe revealed that the Inglis factory in Toronto, which is executing an order for 12,000 Bren guns for the British and Canadian Governments, was about three months ahead of the production schedule, and would start deliveries in April instead of July.

## NEW MINISTER TO CANADA

OTTAWA, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—Mr. James Cromwell, the new United States Minister to Canada, arrived at Ottawa on Tuesday. He was met by members of the U.S. Legation and members of the Canadian Government, including Mr. Mackenzie King, the Prime Minister.

In a statement, Mr. Cromwell said that he was deeply aware of the responsibilities which rested on them all to "preserve and, if possible, to strengthen the foundations of which our enduring friendship has been built."

## WANG'S PUPPETS TO MEET

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—SHANGHAI, Jan. 24 (UP).—It is officially reported that Wang Ching-wei's political council will hold a conference in Shanghai in the middle of February.

The Council will be composed of members of the "Army" Kuomintang, Provisional, Reform and Municipal governments, and other political parties.

Any member of the Chungking Government who forsakes their anti-Japanese and pro-Soviet policies will be eligible for membership.

## UNITY MITFORD DEBATED IN HOUSE OF LORDS

Minister and that the officers were not a set of reactionary "Colonel Bismarck."

The Marquess of Dufferin in reply agreed that as an example of aristocratic brutality, the Unity Mitford film would be hard to beat. It was deplorable.

Lord Dufferin said that there was nothing in the film about Mr. Horne-Bolton which could be taken as against public policy, and asked if there was anything more blatant or more propagandist in the film than anything which had appeared in the popular Press during that time.

"We must be logical in these matters, and we cannot differentiate between these two methods of diffusing news," he said.

Lord Strathgill said that the Government, through the Ministry of Information, was keeping newspapers so short of news that journalists were gluing up any story that they could write up and make interesting.

Lord Denham's motion was withdrawn.

## Relations With Soviet Russia

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain expressed regret that he was not yet in a position to give a definite date for the issue of a White Paper dealing with the negotiations between the British and Soviet governments.

Answering a supplementary question on the date of publication of the Anglo-Soviet White Paper, Mr. Chamberlain gave an assurance that the delay in publication was not caused by the fact that the documents were being edited in any way, and that the full facts would be given.

**Requires Careful Consideration**  
Asked by Major General Sir Alfred Knox whether in view of the unprovoked aggression on Finland, the Government would now break off relations with Russia, Mr. Chamberlain declared that the decision whether or not to break off relations with the Soviet Government was one that would require most careful consideration in all its aspects. It was not one to be dealt with satisfactorily in a question and answer.

## The Same Old Technique

Fabulous Claims Of  
Nazi Sinkings

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—German propaganda has been making more fabulous statements, this time about the loss of British oil tankers. The Germans claim to have sunk 20 British tankers, according to one paper. In actual fact, however, six of these ships were ordinary cargo ships and not tankers, while three others are still sailing on their normal courses.

**Just The Extra Nought**  
The Germans also exaggerate the tonnage of the ships sunk. For instance, the coastal tanker, Africa Shell, one of those sunk by the Graf Spee before it met its well-deserved fate, was actually a ship of only 700 tons. Berlin papers, however, claim that it was of 7,000 tons—just an extra nought.

It is pointed out in London that actually the Allied position to-day is better than it was at the outbreak of war.

## Kato Flying To Tsingtao

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—SHANGHAI, Jan. 24 (UP).—According to Wang Ching-wei's China News Agency, Mr. Kato the Japanese Minister-at-Large in China will fly to Tsingtao in connection with Wang Ching-wei's conference to be held there.

Afterwards he will submit a report on the deliberations to Tokyo. It is stated that during his stay in Tokyo, Mr. Kato discussed certain measures with the Premier, Admiral Yonai and the Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita, especially regarding questions on the readjustment of Anglo-Japanese and Japanese-American relations.

## INDIAN PRINCES PROMISE AID

Regret They Cannot  
Fight In France

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—The Nawab of Bhopal, who rules over 730,000 Hindus to-day expressed the determination of the Indian Princes to help Britain in the war to the last ounce of strength and until victory is won.

He was speaking at the farewell banquet to the retiring agent of the Governor-General.

The Nawab regretted that Indian Princes were not allowed to fight in France. Hitler's war, he said, was just as much against India as against Britain.

"We have no intention of bargaining for the price of our humble services," he said after regretting that Indian Princes were not allowed to enlist as privates in the army.

## SHEPHERD BOMBING

Explosions were heard by townspeople.

**Dodged Behind Clouds**  
LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—Three planes, believed to be German, flew high over Shepherds to-day. The air-raid warning lasted half an hour.

British fighters ascended but failed to make contact.

An eye-witness stated that the planes dodged behind the clouds and one dived towards the harbour but did not attack it, though a steamer was moored at the quay.

It is learned that six bombs were dropped. Four fell in a sparsely populated district where no military objectives exist.

No damage is reported.

## Rumania And Her Oil

Official Statement On  
New Measures

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—The Rumanian official news agency in London issued the following statement to-day:

"Due to the fact that oil and its by-products constitute 92 per cent. of Rumania's total exports, the necessity arose to create a central organisation with the aim of co-ordinating production and home consumption and export."

"For this reason, an Oil Board was created by a law passed on January 15. This law gives the Oil Board power to control the development of oil fields as provided in the past for all companies by the Rumanian Mining Act."

**Should Give No Apprehension**  
The oil problem and the creation of the new Oil Board are part of the general plan conceived by the Rumanian Government with the view to organising, expanding and co-ordinating national production.

"At the present time, a similar board will begin to aim at co-ordinating the mining and metallurgical industry."

"These measures are being dictated solely by internal needs. They should not give any reason for apprehension abroad."

It is understood that the Rumanian viewpoint in this establishing a new board is similar to appointing a Ministry of Supply and that it is primarily intended to meet the needs of Rumanian defence.

## Canadians Parade

Show Off Paces In  
Full Battle Kit

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—The first Canadian division to appear in full battle dress paraded at Aldershot to-day.

It was the first occasion that many of the Canadian officers had worn battle dress.

The parade was watched by Major-General Andrew McNaughton and his staff. The Canadians' own bands played appropriate music.

The King spent the day at Aldershot with some Canadian troops who are undergoing training there. He had motored down from Buckingham Palace with an escort of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in khaki battle dress.

**Aussies Cheered**  
MELBOURNE, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—Large crowds gathered to cheer 5,000 members of the Australian Imperial Force as they marched through the streets.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says: The half day's work did not result in anything spectacular.

**Buyers**  
H.K. Bank \$1350.  
Electrics \$53.40.

**Sellers**  
Hotels \$5.60.

**Sales**  
Tramways \$17.70.  
China Lights (New) \$4.75.

**MANILA GOLD SHARES  
MORNING CLOSING**

	P.S.	
Atok	19 1/2	b
Antamok	15 1/2	b
Baguio Gold	23 1/2	b
Big Dip	013	b
Big Wedge	21 1/2	b
Coco Grove	13 1/2	b
Con. Mines	0035	b
Demonstration	12 1/2	b
East Mindanao	09 1/2	b
I.K.L.	38	b
Ipo Gold	12 1/2	b
Ilogon Mining	26	b
Mambulao Con.	010	b
Manabate Con.	11	a
Mind. Motherlode	08 1/2	a
Mine Operation	10 1/2	a
North Camarines	14	a
Panolo Curran	22 1/2	a
San Marcelino	82	a
Surgao Con.	17	b
Suyco Con.	13	b
Syndicate Inv.	025	b
United Paracale	30	a
Benguet Con.	5.50	b

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

"Nancy Fan," R.Y. and Others: Nancy and Sluggo are brooding somewhere in the Pacific. They will recommence their adventures as soon as the American mail arrives.—Ed.

"Offended": We think you are in the wrong. The cols are still legal tender.—Ed.

## Support For Hertzog

Nationalist Leader Also  
Wants Peace

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—When the debate on General Hertzog's motion was resumed in the Assembly, Dr. Malan, leader of the Nationalist Republican Party, said that he wanted to emphasise the view that South Africa should be neutral, and he was not actuated by any feeling against Britain or France.

**Should Be Friendly**  
He very much regretted the war and the combination of nations opposing each other. If there were two European countries which should be friendly, they were Britain and Germany, who had made the greatest contributions to western civilisation and Christendom.

The greatest danger to Europe was Bolshevism. The war between Britain and Germany had put Europe in the most dangerous situation it had been for a long time.

"We are convinced that there is no other way but to make an end not only to our participation in the war but of British connection."

The debate was adjourned.

## H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Bank	1,300 b.
H.K. Bank (Lon. Reg.)	88 n.
H.K. Bank (H.K. Reg.)	90 n.
Chartered	84 n.
Merchants	28 1/2 n.
Amercantile	113 1/2 n.
East Asia	78 n.

INSURANCES	
Canton	207 n.
Union	470 n.
China Underwriter	114 n.
H.K. Fire	180 n.

SHIPPING	
Douglases	75 b.
Steamboats	11 n.
Indo-China P.S.	100 n.
Indo-China D.S.	80 n.
Shell (Bearers s/-)	78/0 n.
Waterboats	7 1/2 n.

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	103 n.
Docks	11.40 n.
Providents	4.65 n.
New Eng. Sh.	10.80 n.
Sh. Docks Sh.	240 n.

MINING	
Kallen s/-	18/- n.
Rails	10 n.
Ven. Gold	1.4 n.
H.K. Mines	2 1/2 n.

LANDS	
Hotels	5.55 a.
Landes	33 1/2 a.
Landes 4 1/2 Debentures	100 n.
Sh. Lands Sh.	15 n.
Humphreys	8 1/2 a.
H.K. Realities	4.60 n.
Chinese Estates	101 n.

UTILITIES	
Trams	17.70 n.
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Star Electric	17 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries	94 n.
China Lights (old)	7.70 n.
China Lights (new)	4 1/2 a.
H.K. Electric	55 1/2 n.
Macao Electric	18 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights	11 1/2 n.
Telephones (old)	25 1/2 n.
Telephones (new)	9.60 n.
Tractions s/-	13/6 n.
Tractions (Pref.) s/-	19/6 n.

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BRITAIN'S POLICY UNCHANGED	
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Mr. Neville Chamberlain, to the House of Commons to-day.

Replying to a question, Mr. Chamberlain said that the Japanese Government had on January 9 issued a statement claiming that the movement for the formation of a new Central Government was gathering strength, and that Japan would accordingly assist in the formation of the new Government.

Mr. M. P. Price, Labour M.P. for Forest of Dean, thanked the Prime Minister "for his important assurance."

He asked, however, whether Mr. Chamberlain was aware that two former collaborators with Wang Ching-wei had recently deserted him and were now in Hongkong.

"Does that not indicate," asked Mr. Price, "a still further reason why Great Britain should have no relations with any puppet Government?"

The Premier: "As we are not having any relations with them, I do not think it matters."

## ROOSEVELT ATTACKED

Labour Leader Says  
He Broke Faith

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—The view that President Roosevelt would not be nominated to the re-election of the Presidency was expressed by Mr. John L. Lewis, the Labour Leader, in a bitter attack on the Democratic Party's administration before the United Mine Workers' Convention.

Mr. Lewis declared that the Democratic Party had failed to keep faith with labour and added: "Should the Democratic Party be coerced or dragged into nominating Roosevelt, I am convinced that with conditions now confronting the nation and the dissatisfaction which is permeating the minds of the people, his candidacy would result in ignominious defeat."

## Nazi Attack Repulsed

A rabbit war saved the lives of a French advance detachment in the snow of a mountain post on the Western Front.

A patrol of about fifty picked Germans, outnumbering the French by about four to one, attacked the detachment and succeeded under cover of darkness in cutting the barbed wire defences in four places, despite French fire. The Germans advanced through the gaps with assurance until suddenly and unexpectedly they ran against a fence of rabbit wire, of the presence of which they were ignorant.

Simultaneously the French threw a shower of grenades at the enemy, who had to halt in confusion and French artillery put down a heavy barrage, disbanding the raiding party with heavy losses.—Reuter.

## Flying In Cold

The weather in France is almost as cold as in Finland, but despite this, night flying exercises have been regularly carried out by the Royal Air Force.

Yesterday, 42 1/2 degrees of frost were recorded in one R.A.F. station. This temperature is a new low record for France.—Reuter Bulletin.

## Air Casualty List

The Air Ministry's latest communiqué on R.A.F. casualties shows:

Killed in action, or previously reported missing, 11.

Missing, 20.

Killed or missing on active service and believed killed, 24.

Died on active service, 13.—Reuter.

## HONGKONG ESTATES Ex-Managers of Peak Hotel Leaves \$12,400

For many years managers of the now defunct Peak Hotel, the late Miss Helen Aulande-Harry, who died at Northern Hospital, Coulson, Surrey, on March 25 last, left Hongkong estate worth \$12,400. Leave to seal letters of administration with the will annexed has been granted to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, the lawful attorney.

Miss Harry left everything to her sister, Mary Spencer Lavar Harry and a friend, Isabel Holbrook.

Probate of the will of the late Mr. John Leach, who left \$2,400, has been granted to Mr. F. X. D'Almada e Castro, solicitor. Mr. Leach was marine engineer and died at Queen Mary Hospital on September 8 last.

Hongkong estate valued at \$15,000 was left by the late Mr. Koo Meow, alias Koo Mei, formerly of 38 Serendang Village, Kuala Lumpur, who died on August 25 last. Mr. J. T. Prior, the lawful attorney, has been granted leave to seal certified copy of probate of the will.

## Norway's Heavy Shipping Losses

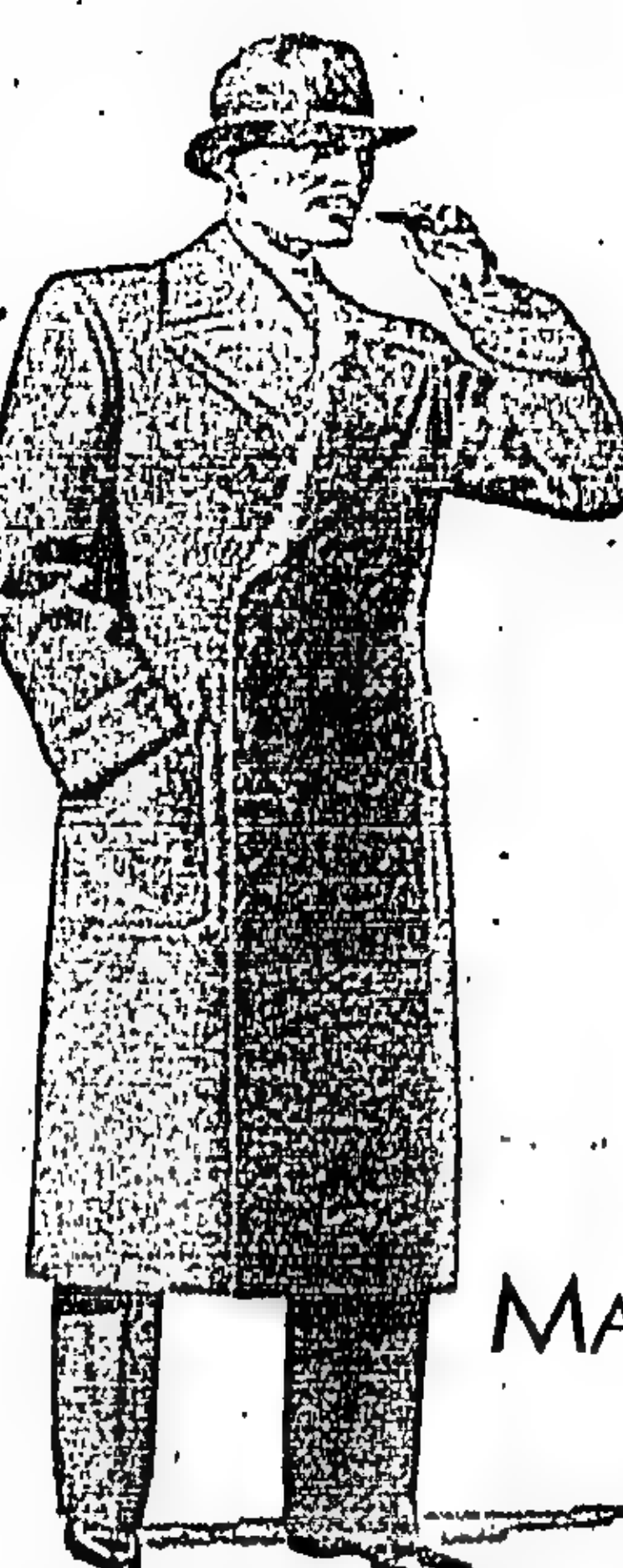
OSLO, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—It is announced that since the war began, Norway has lost 32 ships of a total tonnage of 112,000 and that 150 sailors have lost their lives.

## Loan To Finland

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—The Senate Banking Committee has approved the increase of \$100,000,000 in the capital of the Export and Import Bank to permit a non-military loan to Finland.

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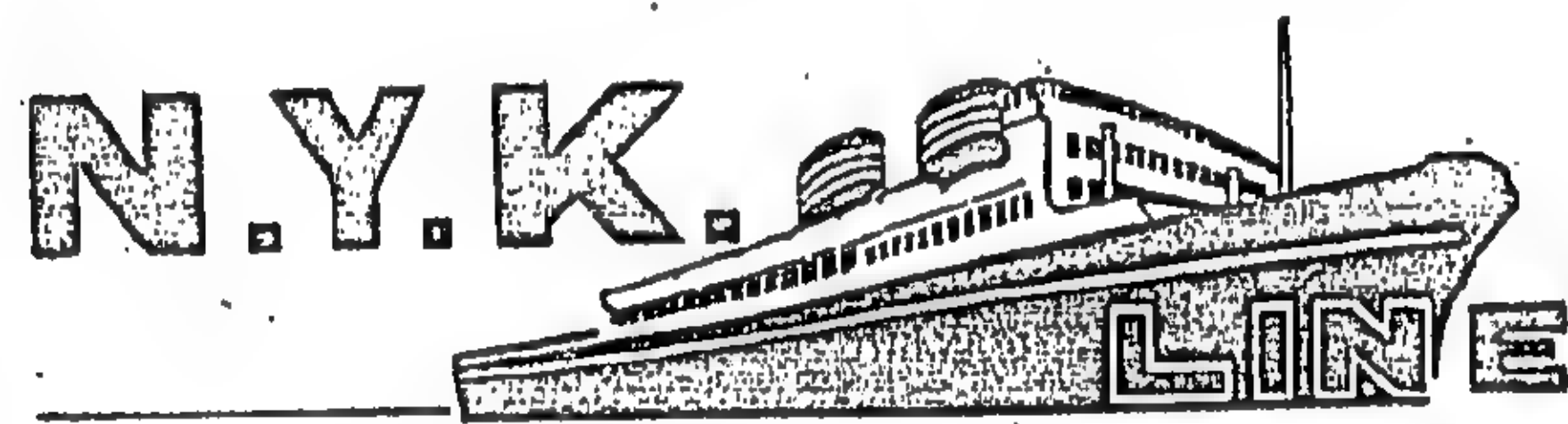
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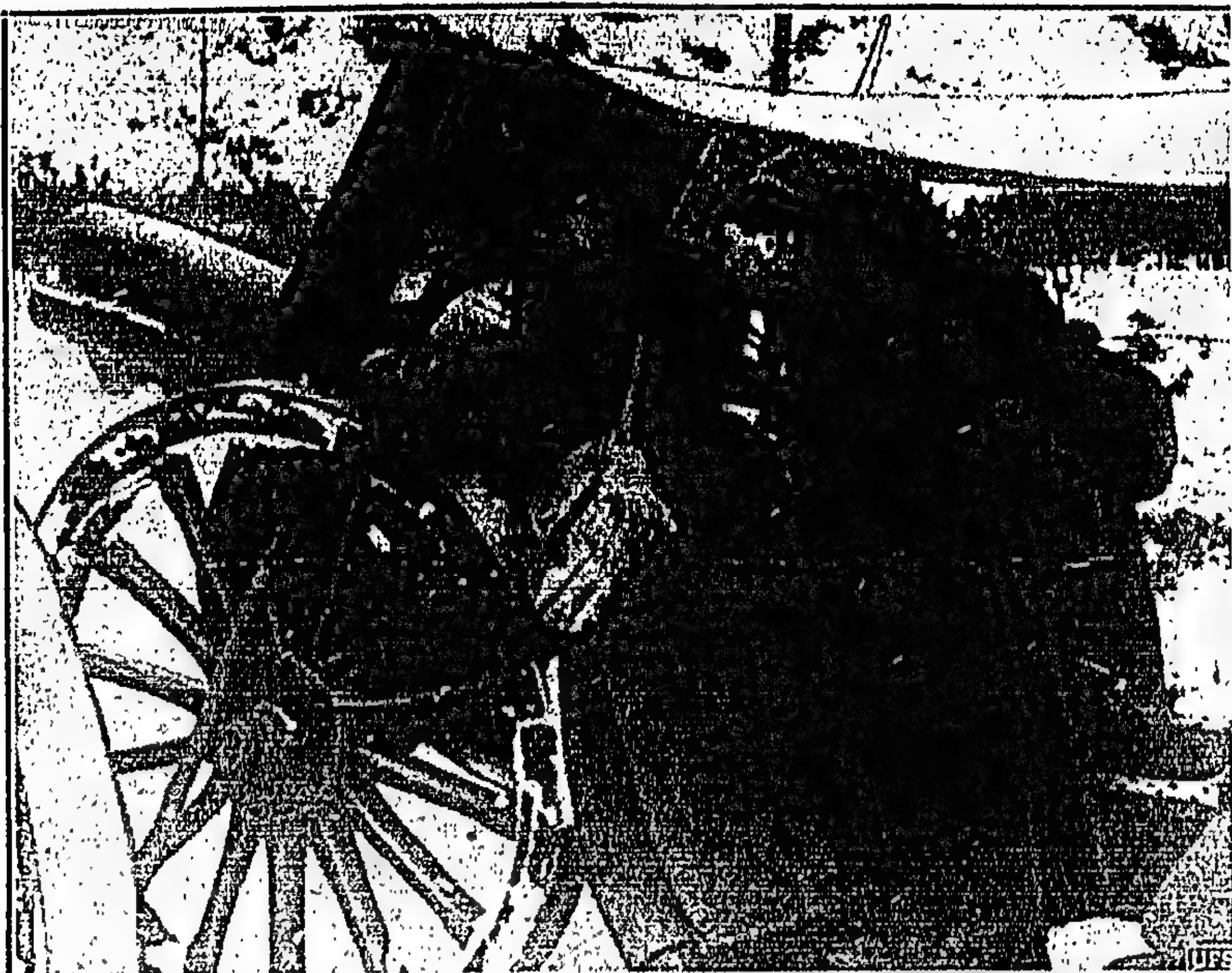
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## Snow Comes To Aid Of Hard-Fighting Finns



**SNOW AIDS FINNS**—Severe snowstorms aided Finns in gaining victories over Russian troops in heavy fighting on Karelia Isthmus north of Leningrad. Russian guns such as are shown above were used in attacks on Finns.

Germany's  
Tank Is  
Running  
Dry

## Oil Shortage May Betray Nazis

By W. N. EWER  
"Daily Herald" Diplomatic  
Correspondent

GERMANY'S oil supplies are going to be a crucial factor in the war. Especially if, as Field-Marshal Goering threatens, she starts up a full-dress air offensive in the Spring.

What is her position? Here is the best answer I can give to that very important question. In 1933 German imports of oil products totalled about 4,500,000 tons. In addition she produced about

2,000,000 tons from her own brown coal by hydrogenation. "Oil products" include petrol, paraffin, diesel engine oil, fuel oil and lubricating oil as well as "crude." Say, then, 6,500,000 tons as her normal pre-war annual supply. Probably not all this was consumed. Some went to build up a war reserve. Exactly how big that reserve is is one of the unknown factors.

How much can Germany get in wartime?

Except for a trickle that still evades the blockade she is cut off from all seaborne supplies. That leaves open to her Poland, Rumania, and

Poland might provide a little. But the output of the Galician fields has become very small. If Germany can get 500,000 tons a year from that source, it is an outside figure.

Russia at the moment is, because of transport difficulties, a practically negligible source of supply. New railway tank wagons, new Black Sea tankers, new Danube barges, might in time solve that problem. But even so the Soviet Union needs all its own supplies; it has been able to export something like 1,000,000 tons a year, but that only at the price of running short at home.

Rumania would normally be sending Germany about 1,400,000 tons a year. But the bulk of this supply has always been seaborne. With the sea shut and the trade forced to use congested rail and river transport the figure has dropped startlingly.

Cut By Half

In September only about 60,000 tons got through. With great exertion and great difficulty the figure was raised to nearly 85,000 for December. Then came the frost blockade. The figure for January and February is likely to be under 30,000 tons a month.

Total imports then for the first six months of war will probably be under 400,000 tons from Rumania; will probably be well under 1,000,000 tons from all sources.

That seems an absolutely outside figure, and it is less than half normal. Hydrogenation is being developed and may make up the deficiency by another 200,000 or 300,000 tons for the half year.

But hydrogenation cannot provide the higher grade lubricating oils—a very serious consideration where aviation is concerned.

Spring Crisis  
How far economies in "normal" consumption can make up for the additional consumption due to war activities is quite impossible to gauge accurately.

There are, therefore, too many doubtful factors for any precise calculations. But there is quite enough evidence to make it certain that by spring oil shortage will be a serious factor, and that it is a shortage which will increase month by month, if great military and air exertions are made.

The "war reserves" are there. But once they are drawn on they will not last very long. The best information available would suggest something like three months as an approximate estimate.

He Can't Scare  
Owd John

"Owd John"—which is what they call John Johnson in Romney, Hants. Wor a hundred year old yesterday—and still digs an' plants. "Wanted to 'vacuate me, they did," says John, "but I never ran From nobody, an' I 'aint a-goin' to run from Hitler the silly little man." W. T. K.

## 'We don't mind cold' —'Then go to Finland'

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 8. THE FIRST FOUR American volunteers for Finland have arrived in Stockholm, and to-day they attended a cocktail party given by Mr. Hallett Johnson, Counsellor to the American Embassy. They were the star turn of the party, with their smart new silver-buttoned uniforms and shiny Sam Brownes.

Twenty-four-year-old Robert Newman said: "We were an ambulance unit in the French Army on the Western Front. Technically, we are still under the discipline of the French Army, but there not being many lives to save on the Western Front we were given leave."

"One day they were asking who minded the cold. We four were the first to say we didn't go here we are, with two light ambulances. "We are leaving for Finland this

week. Two hundred Americans back there in France may follow us. "I am Irish-American. When the war started, I thought 'What is war without the Irish in it?' and joined the French."

His three companions are blond Louis Bartlett, leader of the party, aged twenty-five; black-bearded William Marks, aged twenty-seven, professor at an American University; and, slightly, fair Jack Haney, aged twenty-four, a jewel expert.

## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

### 50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 25, 1890. The infant King of Spain, born on Saturday, his illness is so serious as to give cause for grave alarm. To-day he is much better.

It is officially notified that Queen Victoria, although well and perfectly able to perform her duties, has latterly been suffering a good deal from rheumatism, and is therefore unequal to the fatigue of opening Parliament in person.

The Americans in London have decided to give a grand banquet to Mr. Stanley in the middle of February, on which occasion they will present him with massive silver shields which will portray his exploits in Central Africa.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 25, 1915. Some interesting figures published show a remarkable absence of typhoid among the British and the Japanese. There have been 212 cases since the beginning of the war and only 22 deaths.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 25, 1930. Terminating in dramatic circumstances, all the defendants withdrew without warring their pleas of not guilty, and substituting pleas of guilty, the trial at the Old Bailey of Clarence Harty and his three co-defendants, Edmund Daniels, John Graham Goodfellow Dixon and Albert Edward Tabor, closed to-day.

Mr. Justice Avey passed sentence of fourteen years' penal servitude on Harty, seven years' on Daniels, five years on Dixon and three years on Tabor.

### 5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 25, 1935. According to the "United Press," Chinese troops have retired to position inside the Great Wall and the Japanese, who yesterday were at grips with the garrison forces of Kuyuan and Tashikow, had taken up posts outside the ancient battlements against barbarians. "Central News," the Chinese agency, reports further shelling of Chinese positions and bombing by Japanese planes. These reports are not confirmed by foreign press services. Commenting on the Changhai situation, the "Times," according to Reuters, says that while the incident was small in itself, it indicates the inability of Japanese diplomacy to prevent the solution of the nation taking whatever action they deem appropriate.

## Four Still Alive

Germans Take Captives  
In Heligoland

Hamburg, Jan. 24. The radio to-day broadcast the names of four survivors from the three British submarines lost in the Heligoland Bight recently.

They are: Lt. Comdr. A. S. Jackson, Captain of H.M.S. Undine, and

Sloker Arnold Savage of H.M.S. Starfish.

Sloker Ronald Hawkins of H.M.S. Starfish.

Telegraphist J. C. S. Boreasford of H.M.S. Undine.—United Press.

Trawler Believed Lost  
London, Jan. 24.

The Lowestoft trawler, New Haven, has failed to return from a fishing trip. She is a week overdue.

It is feared that she may have struck a mine and sunk without leaving a trace.

She carried a crew of nine.—Reuter.

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Not  
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Sleep  
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Night?

NOT all parents realise that sleep is of equal importance to children as a well-balanced diet. During sleep the whole body should be relaxed while it recuperates from the exertions of the day. Breathing becomes lighter, the heart beats more quietly; sleep should bring just that regular recovery of energy to the body of the child which the long winter's hibernation brings to that of dormice and bees.

Without plenty of sleep the child cannot develop properly, however good a diet he may be having. There is, however, a type of sleep which does little good—that of the over-tired child who is put to bed in a stuffy bedroom perhaps with too many clothes on his body. He will probably sleep fairly heavily, but he will awake peevish and unrefreshed.

The normally healthy child wakes quickly and happily like a bird to scramble from his bed eager to explore a new day.

Miss Grumpy  
My little girl, aged ten, is a terror to wake in the morning; we all avoid talking to her until she goes off to school. She refuses breakfast, won't go to bed before 8.30 p.m.

No parent should have to admit that their child of ten refuses to obey them, and I can only feel that you have let her rule you instead of keeping proper control over her.

On these dark nights she should be sent to bed at 7 p.m. There is no point in keeping children up in warm living rooms, in which the air is gradually changing your tactics now even if it means a storm for a few nights. Let her wash all over with warm water before she gets into bed if you cannot give a highly warm bath, and open her window at least four inches and shut the door to avoid draughts.

Bedclothing should consist of two flannel nightgowns and a light eiderdown. If she suffers from cold feet knit her some cosy bedsocks.

Call her at 7 a.m. and let her wash her face at once in tepid water. Give five minutes of deep-breathing exercises before breakfast, and insist that she should eat it quietly before you will let her go off to school.

Sleep, Baby, Sleep

My three-month-old baby refuses to sleep for more than two hours at a stretch unless I take him into bed with me.

It is a big mistake to begin this practice, and I advise you to make one more big effort to get baby to rest. Try giving him his bath at night; this often proves very soothing. See that wind is well broken before settling him down to sleep after his 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. feeds.

Give up this habit of bottles of sugar water; that leads to indigestion and wind which can be most painful. If you think he is thirsty give a few teaspoonsful of boiled water.

Wrap his arms firmly with a square of soft cotton material, so that he cannot wave them about. This makes a baby feel much safer, and that it does away with any sense of insecurity which is possibly the cause of much disturbance in babyhood. Finally, always put baby to sleep on his right side for two hours after a feed; he can be turned on to the left side later.

Night Attire  
I have always allowed the children to keep their combinations on under their sleeping-suits in winter. Is this correct?

No. Day-clothes should never be worn at night; it is an unhealthy habit. All day-clothes should be hung out to air at night. You will find it a good plan to provide a small clothes-horse which can be folded away in the daytime. On this their day-clothes can be spread out at night.

A sleeping-suit in light wool material is quite sufficient night covering for the normal child; anything more may lead to heavy perspiration and an unrefreshing sleep.

Tired Mother  
I have been anemic since baby's birth, and I should like to rest in the afternoon, but this eighteen-month-old son demands all my attention.

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Keep a jam jar in the bathroom, and use one in the kitchen, and put bits of left over soap in them. When the pieces are dry, they can be dissolved in boiling water to make splendid soap-jelly. A jar is also useful for mixing a shampoo, and it is a good idea to keep one in the bathroom for this special purpose.

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DON'T sit like this with drooped shoulders, curved spine and bent neck. Straighten up as though you took an interest in your job. Excellent corrective exercises are given in Miss Hunt's beauty column to-day.

## Exercises Help Girl Achieve An Erect Posture

By JACQUELINE HUNT

A GOOD posture does things for you. It gives you an air of confidence, poise and vibrant health that makes folks notice you. If your body is erect, shoulders square with the world and chin out you look happy and relaxed. Moreover, people will feel that your philosophy of life and your ability to do your job well are just as good as your posture.

Keeping your fine posture becomes something of a task, however, when you must spend a good part of your time sitting behind a desk. Bent necks, stooped shoulders and caved-in chests are common among girls in offices. If you have any of these faults now, correct them immediately as poor posture soon becomes a fixed habit.

Good posture doesn't mean that you should sit as straight and stiff as a ramrod. Good posture should be easy, graceful and natural to you. Practice sitting, standing and walking correctly and see how much more pep you have. To others you take on an entirely different personality when your posture is right.

### TOUCH YOUR TOES

Strengthen and limber the muscles most used to hold your body erect. There is no better exercise for this than the old one of bending up and down to touch your toes. Do it ten times a day to start with, but increase the number until you are doing it fifty times a day. Keep your knees straight, stretch your arms high over your head, pulling your body up to its fullest height. Take a deep breath. Your shoulders should be directly above your hips, your head up so your back neckline is short. Hold your rear in as though you were trying to avoid a hard spank. Bend forward from your waistline and touch your toes with your fingertips. Repeat as many times as you can.

Hold the same erect posture when you stand or walk. Learn to sit correctly, too. If you do not sit correctly, all your effort in standing is wasted.

Sit back full in your chair, shoulders in line with your hips, and feet together, preferably not crossed, on the floor. Think of your spine as a straight line from the centre of your skull to the chair bottom. Tighten those hip muscles that are inclined to spread over your desk chair. Relax, repeat, keep this up until the muscles literally ache. This is a simple exercise that can be practised a dozen times a day.

### STRENGTHEN THE SHOULDERS

Exercises will seem tiring at first, but after a while they will actually invigorate you. They require enthusiasm at first, but soon they will become a habit—a healthful habit that will help you maintain good posture. The following exercise will strengthen the muscles of the shoulders and upper back.

Stand with your arms stretched sideways from shoulders. Cross arms

## Heart Trouble Caused by High Blood Pressure

If you have pains around the heart, pain in the chest, dizziness at top and back of head and above eyes, shortness of breath, fainting, or any of these symptoms, you are probably suffering from high blood pressure. This is a mysterious disease that causes more deaths than cancer, and it is often mistaken for some simple ailment. You may feel from any of these symptoms, your life may be endangered by heart trouble or a paralytic stroke, and you should start treatment at once. The very first dose of Mee Cheung's Blood Pressure medicine makes you feel young, or in a few days (not three years, as the chemist today, it is distributed to make you feel well and strong or money back on return of empty package.

## Using Up Stale Bread And Cakes

There is no excuse for throwing away bread which has become stale, for with a little trouble it can be made the basis of some appetising dish, even if it is only bread and butter pudding.

Another good way of using stale bread is to make crisp rusks to eat with butter or cheese. Break up the bread into fairly equal sized, dip them into sweetened milk, and bake in a warm oven until dry and crisp. If you have any stale rolls, cut off the top of each to form a lid, then scrape out all the crumb. Fry the cases in butter or margarine and let them dry. Then fill the cases with a mixture of onion chopped up with ham or corned beef, rabbit or cheese, put on the lids, and bake for a few minutes.

The crumbs taken out of the rolls can be made into dainty tea cakes by mixing it with egg and milk. Form the mixture into little cakes, and sprinkle with brown sugar or desiccated coconut, and bake.

Odd pieces of stale bread should be rubbed through a colander to reduce them to fine crumbs. Spread these on a baking-sheet and brown them in the oven. Place in an airtight tin and they will come in handy for sprinkling over boiled ham &c.

Cakes and buns which have been left over, should be put in a special tin. These when stale and dry can be converted into something more delicious than the original. It is wasteful to throw away such things in these times, especially when we remember that the basis of all well-made cakes is butter, flour, sugar, and eggs.

A fruit-cake can be converted into a good steamed pudding. Crumble finely, a little milk, fruit-juice, or beaten egg. The same treatment for a fruit or plain cake will make a nice luncheon sweet if baked in a shallow tin lined with fruit-juice. If moistened with fruit-juice or bound with a little jam, crumbs can be converted into delicious "fancies" for an afternoon tea-party. Form them into oblongs or balls; cover with melted jam or jelly, and decorate with nuts. Chocolate powder may be added, the mixture being slightly moistened and rolled into shape. These should be coated with chocolate and served in paper cases. I. H.

## BATTLE FOR IRON

Hitler May Grab Part Of Norway

THE military campaign in Finland is a struggle for nickel and iron. All Scandinavia may be dragged into it.

The Russians went after the nickel mines which are in the far north of Finland. The Finns have blown up the mines.

The Germans fear that the Russians may also seek to seize the Swedish iron mines if they can get across Finland. Germany draws half of her iron ore from Sweden.

In summer the iron supplies go by railway to Lulea and thence by ship down the Baltic to Stettin. If the Russians should occupy the Anland Isles they would completely dominate this traffic.

In winter, when the ice blocks the north Baltic, the ore for Germany goes by railway to Narvik, in Norway. There it is shipped for Germany via the Atlantic. The ships creep down the Norwegian coast, safe inside the three-mile limit.

To protect this trade the Germans now contemplate seizing a large part of Norway, and probably that part of the Swedish coast which faces the Skagerrak.

The Norwegians also expect the Russians will demand Atlantic seaports from them. They expect a Russian invasion this summer. They will resist it.

Many Norwegians are pro-British. Others are pro-German. None are pro-Russian.

The Norwegians have a tiny army of 14,000. Their Air Force claim 50 fighter aircraft and no bombers.

They have no navy, except small coastal craft. But they have 60,000 naval reservists. These are their merchant seamen, trained in handling and manning guns.

Many of them learn the rudiments of gunnery shooting whales. Then they are trained

## B.W.O.F. DONATIONS

Devoted to Red Cross And St. John Ambulance Work

In connection with the funds that are being remitted by the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong Branch, to the British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John of Jerusalem, in England, the following particulars from the latter will be of great interest to the public of Hongkong:

All funds sent to the Red Cross and St. John War Organisation are used by that Organisation only, in connection with its work in the present war in the relief of the sick and wounded of the Fighting Forces, prisoners of war, and if such becomes unhappily necessary, for the relief of casualties caused by hostile action amongst civilians.

The work of the Organisation is fully described as it develops in their fortnightly Summary of Work, of which copies are being sent to the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong.

### Supplies For Hospitals

A considerable amount of medical equipment, comforts, books, etc. are being supplied to hospitals in England and in France and also to hospital ships. These supplies supplement the military equipment and are issued with a view to ameliorating the conditions of the sick and wounded by means of providing extra necessities and semi-luxuries which are outside the scope of any Government Department.

In addition, both the Headquarters Organisation and the local branches of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John are giving considerable help to persons shipwrecked by hostile action round our coasts.

Furthermore, our Prisoners of War, Missing and Wounded Department has for some time past been sending regular food, clothing and medical supplies parcels to all prisoners of war in Germany; a service which is very much appreciated and which can be carried out by no other Organisation.

### Reserve Supplies

The Organisation's main effort, however, is devoted to accumulating a reserve of medical equipment, ambulances and stores of all sorts, to meet the sudden demands which in our experience will be made if heavy fighting begins; such reserve, which can rapidly be drawn upon, represents perhaps the chief value of the Red Cross Organisation, in that it provides a reservoir from which supplies can be drawn in emergency wherever demands are overwhelming in any particular area under severe attack.

In addition to stores in England, the Organisation already has a Store established under its commission in France, and will very shortly have ambulances there.—Contributed.

as gunners for the naval reserve.

So that if the Americans and the British can spare some warships for the Norwegians, that resourceful race of seamen will quickly make themselves a navy.

## Crossword Puzzle

By LARA MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS  
1—Examine  
2—Fence  
3—Meat dish  
13—Official in Orient  
14—Anger  
15—Landscape  
16—By means of  
17—Fertile  
18—Taken without permission  
20—Bitten in temper  
21—Pistol  
22—Roman freedman (10 D.C.)  
23—Insult with derisive salutation (4 L.)  
24—Same  
25—Prolonged moans  
26—Pride hole with lint  
27—Agreeable in company  
28—Carefully watching and suspecting  
29—Snowdrops  
30—The man  
31—Which were taken without permission  
32—Victory over number  
33—Roman garment  
34—Violent period of history  
35—Cleaning agent

DOWN  
1—Belonging to Theodore  
2—Give out  
3—Father  
4—Walks on  
5—Flute, humorously  
6—To lead  
7—New meter  
8—To slip  
9—Time and fall of sea-level  
10—British official who recently visited U.S.A.  
11—Occidental world  
12—Belief  
13—Caudal appendage  
14—Frenzied scene  
15—Unnecessary activity  
16—Memorable point  
17—Pieces of furniture  
18—Carved letter  
19—Catch of tuna of coast  
20—Body of land in contact  
21—Small earlobe  
22—Animal body  
23—Large voice  
24—Larger voice  
25—Warm  
26—Unpleasant repetition  
27—Citizen of Denmark  
28—Short meal  
29—Small deer

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# CHOLERA!

The U.S. War Department has ordered the evacuation of American troops from the Mysang district in the island of Mindanao, despite the fact that the peaceful community is threatened with extinction by Alipang and his dreaded Moro bandits.

Four men are ordered to Mysang to assist Colonel Hatch in training the Philippines Constabulary, which is to keep order in the district after the withdrawal of the troops. Soon after their arrival Colonel Hatch is murdered by a Moro and Manning takes charge. But Manning, too, is killed, leaving only Hartley, a strict disciplinarian, Larsen, McCool and Canavan, the doctor, to hold out against the thousands of Moros.

WHEN Linda saw Canavan coming down the street driving the Jura-mentado before him and Miguel prancing beside him, proudly waving the Moro's kris, she almost cried out with joy.

For twenty-four hours she had been in an agony of doubt. All morning she had helped Mabel Manning pack while the boat waited in the harbour to take them both back to Manila.

Her father, raging at Bill's disobedience, had refused to discuss what chances he had to return.

McCool said, grimly, if they found him at all it would be with his honey-smeared head sticking out of a pit—that is, what the ants had left of it. She had begged her father to send out a searching party—"How can you be so cold-blooded, when one of your best men—" Hartley had looked at her searchingly. "What makes you so interested in Canavan, all of a sudden?"

"I'm not—not at all," she had protested. But now as she watched his tall figure striding down the street, nobody could fail to read in her luminous face just what she thought of Bill Canavan.

The entire village was following the strange procession. The soldiers had come from the barracks. McCool and Larsen had fallen in step with Canavan and were insulting him wildly in their relief at seeing him safe and sound. "You dim-witted quack! What have you got there?"

"Canus Homo Moro Jura-mentado," announced Canavan, and gave the rope a jerk.



IN the centre of the parade ground he stopped, surrounded by the curious constabulary. He wasted no time in proceeding with his experiment, and after whispering to Yabo, he addressed the assembled troop in loud tones:

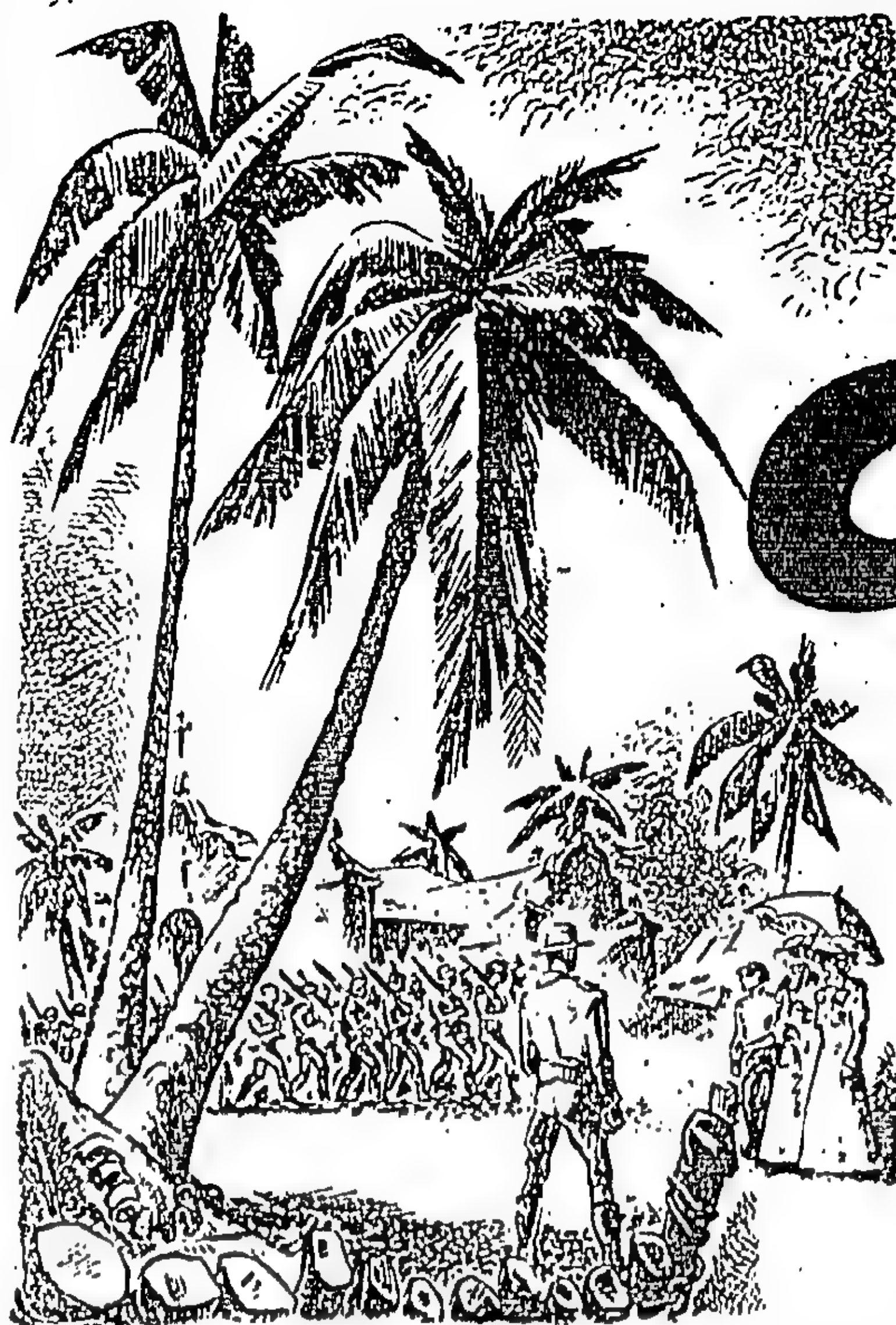
"You were sad when the American soldiers went home, but you should have been happy. It means that this is your country—and if it's your country you have to protect it. Your enemies, the Moros, have contempt for you. They think you are fit only for slaves and that's because you act like slaves. Only when you conquer your fear will you conquer Alipang!"

The Moro squared himself on his feet as though he could understand and concurred with Canavan's words; every line of his heavily muscled, half-nude body registered contempt. Canavan turned to him:

"Here's one of Alipang's men. If you were to cut him up you'd find out he had only one heart, one stomach, and approximately twenty-eight feet of intestines—no more, no less than you have. Then what makes him a better man?" He paused impressively. "It's because he's afraid of nothing under the sun!"

The soldiers shifted uncomfortably on their feet. "We brought him here a prisoner, but he's not afraid. He knows he'll be shot—but he's not afraid."

Canavan saw Hartley come out from his office at headquarters, lifting his head uncertainly as though scenting trouble. Canavan speeded up proceedings.



He took the pigskin from Yabo's hands and threw it on the ground in front of the Moro.



AT the sight of the pigskin some of the truculence died out of the Moro. Canavan turned to Miguel: "Tell him after he's dead we're going to bury him in the pigskin."

As the boy translated Canavan's words, the Moro's face was transformed; a look of growing horror contorted his features and he seemed to be overcome with a sickening fear.

The full import of the words dawned on him, he fell shuddering to the ground, screaming for mercy. "Look at him!" Canavan shouted triumphantly. "Look at your brave Moro! How can you be afraid of a man like that grovelling on the ground like a worm and howling for mercy—at the sight of a pigskin!"

The soldiers watched this spectacle with growing amazement. For the first time they saw their dreaded enemy as a far from invincible human being, and the effect was profound.

Awed, at first, the Filipino soldiers at length began to whisper among themselves and finally laughed out loud at the scene being played before their eyes.

The padre, watching from the steps of the church, smiled delightedly. Linda's eyes were shining with pride. Hartley alone looked heavy and ominous with disapproval as he marched down his steps and shouldered his way to the centre of the crowd.

"Larsen!" he barked. "Take the prisoner to the guardhouse, and the boy, too. Yabo! Get these men back to their drilling. And you—" he turned grimly to Canavan, "come to my office."

But the good had already been done. As the native soldiers returned to drill they stooped in turn before the dummy of Alipang that Canavan had strung up for them. Some snapped their fingers insolently at the painted face, others muttered insults between their teeth. And a few fearlessly planted their bayonets in the sawdust body. They were no longer afraid.

Hartley was implacable. Canavan by his fool-hardy deed had jeopardized the lives of the whole village—now, inevitably, Alipang would strike! Canavan was put under arrest for insubordination, relieved of his arms and confined to his quarters. McCool, escorting him under orders, spoke to him severely: "Doc, I'll never forgive you for this foul treachery—why didn't you take me with you to the hills?"

"I couldn't think of it!" Canavan said loftily. "That would be disobeying orders."

that would make their parting impossible—here in the sunlight—with McCool waiting at a discreet distance for his prisoner—Hartley waiting to put her safely aboard the steamer. They searched each other's eyes. There were no words. "Well, goodbye—" Canavan took her hand.

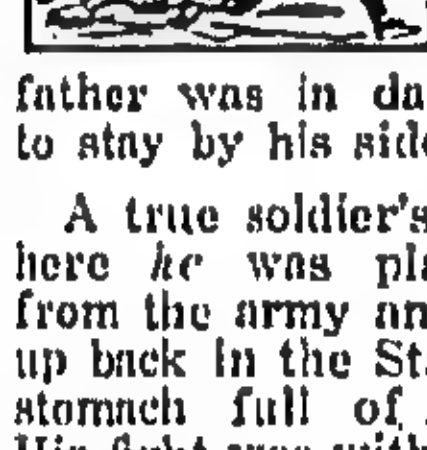
"Goodbye," Overwhelmed at the thought of her going, he leaned over suddenly and pressed his lips to the hand he held. With eyes, hands and lips, he tried to tell her. Then he turned swiftly away, and walked toward the waiting McCool.

"It didn't take me that long to say goodbye," commented the aggrieved McCool.

"Shut up, you ape!" growled Canavan.

When her father came to the door of her bedroom, Linda was unpacking. "Ready, Linda?" Linda faced him. "I'm sorry, father. I'm not going."

"Why?" Hartley asked with an unexpected gentleness. Then with emphasis: "Canavan. She did not speak or nod, but he could see her standing straight—and still, facing him, like a soldier reporting for duty."



WHEN Canavan heard the news that Linda was staying, it was with anxiety as well as delight.

Undoubtedly, she felt her father was in danger and wanted to stay by his side.

A true soldier's daughter! And here he was planning to resign from the army and put his shingle up back in the States. He'd had a stomach full of army discipline! His fight was with bugs—billions of bugs—and needles and microscopes to fight them with.

Could a girl, who had wanted to be a Top Sergeant at six, be interested in that sort of fight? He was wondering about it when she came to be vaccinated.

He told her rather sententiously about Jenner as he fixed the needle. Jenner invented vaccination. "Some day the Philippines will be a nation and Krag, who invented the repeating rifle, will get the credit. And who will it belong to? Jenner!"

She listened rather solemnly. When he had bandaged her arm she rose and thanked him, and added very gravely, "And thank you for saving my father's life. I heard about it."

So that was it! "A stupid thing to do," Canavan said, not looking at her. "It got me arrested."

sonable. "If you must worship uniforms, why don't you get one? Why don't you go home and study nursing—or else marry someone—have children—"

Linda was white with fury. "Why don't you stick to what you know about—you—QUACK!" She turned on her heel and walked out.

Just to have the last word Canavan leaned out the door. "Roll your water!" he yelled after her in mock authority.

The whole village waited no tenter-hooks for Alipang's reappearance. But nothing happened. No movement broke the green face of the jungle, no piercing yells of an avenging Jura-mentado froze the hearts of the natives. The village was almost more deadly on the nerves than an attack. The soldiers had taken heart after Canavan's experiment, but the enforced inactivity ate into the self-control of whites and natives alike.

ONE day two native women washing clothes in the river set up an excited jabber. A sentry interpreted to Larsen: the river had gone down two feet in half an hour.

Word spread through the village: groups formed on the banks watching amazedly the water supply diminish minute by minute.

"Could it be a landslide?" McCool suggested.

"No, it happened too quickly," the padre answered.

Hartley kept asking for reports, seeming incredulous of the rate at which the river was lowering—although the fact was palpable to all. The Datu, ran up to the group of officers, his usual impassivity discarded:

"Captain, I just come back from the hills, and I see Moros—carrying bamboo, rocks—Alipang, he dam up river!"

Hartley's jaw squared. "Another trick to lure us into the jungle. But it won't work."

"But we must have water, Tann—"

"There's the old Spanish well, we'll use that. We'll dig up a still and use sea water—"

By sunset the river bed was dry. Two water-buffalo fought for a place on a small patch of still damp mud under some tall reeds. Long after dark the villagers stood in knots, looking at the cracked gray earth of the river bottom where the water had once been.

In less than twenty-four hours, Hartley was at the doctor's door. "There are some bad cases of dysentery in the village, Canavan."

"Give them Mag. Sulph—"

answered Bill indifferently. "I want you to get down there at once."

"Sorry, but I'm confined to quarters."

"That's very good of you, but I've decided to resign."

"You're still in uniform, Canavan," Hartley said, ominously, "and unless you obey I shall recommend your dishonourable discharge from the army."

"Fine! That will save me the trouble of resigning!"

Out in the dark street Canavan heard Yabo calling his name. He stepped out and saw the Filipino half carrying a native towards the veranda.

"Sick—very sick!" Yabo cried. Bill went down the steps two at a time. He lifted up the native's head and rolled back an eyelid. "Yabo, get the stretcher—we've got to get this man to the hospital fast."

Yabo went off on a run and the man slumped down in Canavan's arms. He lifted the unconscious body over his shoulder and started for the hospital.

"What is it?" Hartley called from the veranda.

Canavan threw one word over his shoulder: "Cholera."

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## German Airmen Found in Shot-down Soviet 'Planes

### "WE ARE RUSSIANS"

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 10. — Two Soviet planes shot down by the Finns at Viborg are reported in Stockholm to have contained three German airmen. They were captured alive.

All stated that they were German-speaking members of the ancient German colony in the Volga basin.

The men were unable to answer any questions in Russian, and peculiarities in their uniforms convinced the Finns that they belonged to the Reich Air Force.

Details of a new Soviet "tank sleigh" are given by Swedish newspaper correspondents describing the route of the 44th Russian Division in the Suomussalmi sector.

Several of these, they say, have been captured on the network of frozen lakes south of Suomussalmi and also on Lake Ladoga.

They have a crew of three—one man forward manning a quick-firing cannon, a machine-gunner amidships, and a driver at the rear.

The "tank sleigh" has a torpedo-shaped armoured body with an aeroplane propeller behind.

It is capable of skimming over the ice on its long steel runners at 100 miles an hour.

**Arms Captured**

Against this weapon the Finns were able to turn heavy-calibre machine-guns captured from the Russian 103rd Division, which they annihilated at the end of last week.

They found, too, vast masses of small arms ammunition abandoned by the enemy.

Finland leaders, during a lull on the fighting fronts, yesterday made another appeal to the world against Russia's "barbaric" bombing of civilians, says the Daily Mail Copenhagen correspondent.

They also emphasised Finland's need of foreign credits to buy war materials.

The Premier, Dr. Ryti, said in a broadcast that any new financial obligations incurred by Finland would be faithfully fulfilled.

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"As a peace-loving country, we had paid little attention to our munitions industries," he added. "The result is that we have to procure arms and munitions from abroad on a large scale."

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The Hotel Bristol at Helsinki, burst into flames early yesterday.

It is thought that enemy agents may have started the fire to guide raiding Soviet airmen.

### New Anglo-French Trade Agreement

PARIS, Jan. 24 (Reuters).—A Ministry of Commerce communiqué announces complete agreement between the French trade delegation in London and British Government representatives on measures to be taken to develop trade between the two countries and in examining economic relations with third parties.

Negotiations on the technical side will start immediately in order to turn the general agreement into practical measures, the communiqué adds.



Field Marshal Baron Carl Gustave Emil Mannerheim, 72, commander-in-chief of Finland's defence forces. He gave Bolsheviks a beating, as hero of war of independence in 1918.

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### CHIANG'S BITTER ATTACK ON WANG

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section of the Yangtze railway, travelling passes from Nanking to Shanghai and thence to Hankow. He is thinking of the time when he may have to flee for his life from Nanking to Shanghai by either water or rail. "It may be said that Wang first saved his life, secondly his life, and thirdly, his life. With money in his pocket and his life secure, he may conveniently lead the life of a puppet. Aside from this he is not bothering about anything else."

Wang Balked By Japanese  
"However, Japan has balked at all Wang's demands. The Japanese insisted that Wang sign an agreement first before turning over the \$40,000,000. This explains why Wang was anxious to get into power and he had to sign the agreement on December 30 in its entirety."

"The revolution of the secret agreement proves that Wang's so-called peace movement is nothing but a movement designed to sell out the country, that Kono's new order in East Asia means the complete subjugation of China."

If China does not resolutely resist and bring about the downfall and annihilation of the enemy militarists, not only will China be jeopardized, but the fate of the Powers concerned with the Pacific will also be gravely imperiled. This may convince friendly Powers that behind the favouring policy of the enemy vis-a-vis the United States and Soviet Russia, his professed intention of a readjustment of the relations with the Powers is harboured in boundless ambition."

After signing the treacherous agreement, Wang will do his best to gather all traitors for the formation of a puppet regime. He may also entertain the preposterous hope of inducing third Powers to recognize his puppet regime. Even if such recognition is withheld—Wang's government will provide incidents and force third Powers to establish contact with his regime."

### SHEPHERD BOMBING

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Explosions were heard by townspeople.

**Dodged Behind Clouds**  
LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—Three planes, believed to be German, flew high over Shepherds to-day. The air-raid warning lasted half an hour. British fighters ascended but failed to make contact.

An eye-witness stated that the planes dodged behind the clouds and one dived towards the harbour but did not attack it, though a steamer was moored at the quay.

It is learned that six bombs were dropped. Four fell in a sparsely-populated district where no military objectives exist.

No damage is reported.

**Air Ministry's Report**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Jan. 24 (UP).—The Air Ministry's communiqué on the Shepherds raid states: "This morning enemy aircraft bombed cargo vessels off the Shetlands."

"The same aircraft later passed over the islands, dropping bombs on the moorlands. They caused no material damage."

"Fighter aircraft were despatched to give combat, but the enemy took refuge in low-lying clouds and escaped."

### No U.S. Aviation Fuel For Reds

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—The State Department has revealed that reports that the Soviets are using American aviation petrol are unfounded.

Only two barrels of aviation spirit were brought from the United States in the first 11 months of the last year although 900,000 barrels of other grades of petrol were purchased.

### Bright Trading On Stock Exchange

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, gilt-edged securities and home rails were again actively bought, prices rising sharply. Affairs initially were dull but later

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Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

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HONGKONG/PANAMA FREIGHT CONFERENCE.  
Hongkong, January 22, 1940.

### BRITAIN'S POLICY UNCHANGED

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Mr. Neville Chamberlain, to the House of Commons to-day.

Replying to a question, Mr. Chamberlain said that the Japanese Government had on January 9, issued a statement claiming that the movement for the formation of a new Central Government was gathering strength, and that Japan would accordingly assist in the formation of the new Government.

Mr. M. P. Price, Labour M.P. for Forest of Dean, thanked the Prime Minister "for his important assurance."

He asked, however, whether Mr. Chamberlain was aware that two former collaborators with Wang Ching-wel had recently deserted him and were now in Hongkong.

"Does that not indicate," asked Mr. Price, "a still further reason why Great Britain should have no relations with any puppet Government?"

The Premier: "As we are not having any relations with them, I do not think it matters."

### AMERICAN LOAN TO FINLAND

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (Reuter).—The bill to double the capital of the Export and Import Bank available for foreign loans makes no mention of Finland, but authorizes the Bank to make any loan that may be recommended as desirable.

The question will be referred to the Foreign Relations Committee for its recommendation. Under the present regulations, no country is permitted a loan in excess of \$50,000,000.

Improved. Industrials attracted more attention. Wall Street was steady.

## C. R.

**PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS** of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 29th day of January, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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## C. R.

**PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS** of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 29th day of January, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Reg. No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in	Area in	Upset Price
2	4227	Adjoining Kowloon Island Lot No. 4188 & 4189	N. 100 feet, S. 100 feet, E. 100 feet, W. 100 feet	10.700	1.070	\$13,725

### SWEDISH SHIP SUNK BY REDS

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 25, (Reuter).—A Finnish steamer was sunk yesterday as the result of a concentrated attack by six Soviet bombers near the Aaland Islands.

No fewer than 15 bombs were dropped all round the vessel, and although no direct hit was secured the hull was so battered by the concussion that it sank.

The crew took to the boats and were then machine-gunned by the Soviet planes. Only 15 are reported safe.

A German vessel, which had gone aground close by, was also bombed but not hit.

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## BIG RED OFFENSIVE ENDS IN STAGGERING DEFEAT

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M. Kerensky, in a letter to the "New York Post."

Mr. Kerensky adds that in the present conflict with Finland there is no doubt that revision of the Russo-Finnish frontiers could have been achieved by an amicable understanding.

### Soviets Held Up At All Points

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—There is no doubt that the new Soviet offensive around Lake Ladoga has been held up by the Finns at all points.

The offensive is apparently on a larger scale than any since the early days of the war. The Soviets have made a double attack, one to the north of Lake Ladoga and the other on Karelian Isthmus.

They are against the Finnish defences, but failed to break through. The Finns claim that the Russians lost over 1,000 men north of Lake Ladoga alone.

### Aircraft Busy

Meanwhile Russian aircraft continue to bomb central and southern Finland, four hospitals being hit. An air-raid shelter in a small town also was destroyed.

It is officially confirmed that six Soviet bombers were shot down on Tuesday and unofficial reports say that three more were brought down. Large sections of Finland's population who spend many hours in air raid shelters, and the authorities are now urging them to get at least one hot meal a day.

Workers and employers have come to an agreement to settle any questions arising between them by friendly negotiations.

### Heavy Russian Stakes

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—As violent fighting continues north of Lake Ladoga, where the Russians are attempting to turn the Finns' flanks, it becomes more evident that the Soviet Command is staking a great deal on the offensive.

Fighting is now concentrated along the only railway in the district, part of which is in Finnish hands and a part under Russian control.

### Difficult Terrain

The terrain over which the Russians are trying to advance consists largely of forests and marshes. There is only one main road in the whole district, but possession of it would take the Russians into the heart of Finland.

Up to the Finns appear to have held their own against successive waves of Russian attacks, and the Finnish communiqué to-day states that fighting in this sector continued violently all day.

### "Angel Of Mons"

Finnish soldiers in this front declare that they have seen the "Angel of Mons" in the form of a large white figure, an angel with arms outstretched, suddenly appearing towards the Russian lines.

Over 600 men have referred to this apparition in varying terms of belief or disbelief.

## TURKO-GERMAN TRADE PACT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
ANKARA, Jan. 24 (Dome).—The Turkish Government announces that it would shortly sign a trade accord with Germany.

The agreement will provide for trade between the two countries of less than £1,000,000 per annum.

## Police Clear Up Mystery Of Burglaries

## GANG BROKEN UP, BUT "BRAINS" STILL FREE

A series of burglaries in Kowloon dating from last year to this month were cleared up by the police following the arrest of Chan Sum who appeared with three others, including a woman, before Mr. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day.

Chan faced six charges of burglary, while Cheung Bun, 39, was charged with possession of a clamp, Yuen Hon-chung, 18, was charged with loitering and burglary and Lai Hop-ye, 26, married woman, was charged with receiving stolen property.

Lai and Cheung were discharged. Det-Sergeant Shaw said on January 19, at 4 a.m., Chan was arrested in a lane at the back of Nathan Road. A party of detectives saw a bag containing parts of a clamp hanging on a waterpipe. They saw Chan come down the pipe, with a clamp in his hand. Chan later admitted several burglaries and the method of entrance in each case was similar—a clamp being used to expand iron bars on premises.

The Det-Sergeant said there had been 18 such cases in six months.

**Burglaries Described**  
On October 10, 1939, said Det-Sergeant Shaw, Chan entered the third floor of 150 Latchikok Road with another man not in custody. Articles stolen included jewellery to the value of \$50, of which \$35 worth had been recovered. The property was pawned at a shop in Queen's Road west.

On November 12, 1939, Chan entered the second floor of 16 Kilung Street with another man. Clothing and jewellery worth \$44 were stolen and \$29 worth had been recovered. The jewellery was sold and had been melted down at the Tung Sun goldsmith shop in Queen's Road Central. Chan received \$1280 for the gold. The remainder of the property was recovered through pawn tickets found in Chan's house.

At 3 a.m. on December 13, Chan, accompanied by another, entered the second floor of 77 Nathan Road and stole clothing and jewellery valued at \$12, of which \$13 worth had been recovered. The haul included a diamond ring, but that was said to have been left in Macao by the person not arrested.

**New Year's Eve Burglary**  
At the same time on December 31, Chan, with the same man, entered 787 Nathan Road, second floor, and stole clothing and jewellery, worth \$13,000. Some of this had been found. Chan featured in two other burglaries perpetrated on January 17 at 705 Nathan Road, second floor, and on January 18, at 785 Nathan Road, second floor. In the first case clothing valued at \$10 was stolen, and in the second, clothing and jewellery to the total value of \$220 was taken away; \$202 worth of the stolen articles were recovered. Pawn tickets relating to a great quantity of the goods were found in Chan's address.

**"Brains Of The Gang"**  
Det-Sergeant Shaw said: "The person who is not in custody is the brains of the whole gang and I am afraid we have not caught him. He is the leader of the gang; we know him, but have been unable to find him. This has been going on since last June and lately, has been happening in Nathan Road between Prince Edward Road and Boundary Street, every other night. Police-men were sent to patrol there and they arrested Chan."

Mr. Macfadyen referring to Chan: "He has been very consistent; almost every month."

To Chan, Mr. Macfadyen said that although he had no previous conviction and might have been influenced by another person, his offences had been very consistent and did not call for a light sentence.

Chan was sentenced to a total of nine months' hard labour. Yuen, who had a previous conviction, was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

## BRITAIN'S POSITION AS U.S. TREATY EXPIRES

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of opinion among British departmental heads.

The Foreign Office feels that Britain should not take advantage of the opportunity presented by the United States. Other departments, such as the Treasury and the Ministry of Economic Warfare, feel that Britain's policy towards Japan should be determined solely by her need for foreign exchange and additional markets.

### Filipinos Sook Boycott

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (UP).—Forty-eight thousand Filipinos want the United States to place an embargo on war shipments to Japan.

A petition signed by them was received by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to-day.

The petition was submitted by the Vice-President, Mr. John Garner, and as a result of a routine vote, the petition was submitted to the committee.

The petition was forwarded to the State by Mr. Harold Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, whose brief accompanying letter stated that the petition was received from Mr. Francis Sayre, the Philippine High Commissioner.

Washington officials state that the petition would be filed for inspection by the committee together with the other communications of a like nature received from various parts of the country and throughout the world on behalf of and against an embargo.

### Japan Is Watched

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (UP).—The State Department's announced intention to permit future Japanese-American commercial relations to depend upon Far Eastern developments, is receiving increasing support among members of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Senator William King to-day was outspoken on the subject. He declared: "I have been very critical of Japan's disregard for treaties. I feel warranted now in demanding the severance of all relations with Japan."

Senators Tom Connally and George Norris adopted a less decisive attitude, contenting themselves by saying that there was no reason to hurry a new treaty. Senator Connally said: "The world is not going to stop when the treaty expires."

### Violation Of Treaties

In addition to the alleged violations of United States' rights and interests in the Far East, America contends that the military occupation of China, in itself, is a direct violation of Japan's pledge given in the Nine Power Treaty and the Kellogg-Briand Pact.

It is contended that the Japanese attempt to gain international recognition for a "new order in East Asia" is an effort to legalise the series of acts committed in violation of her treaty pledges and of international law.

The present attitude of the State Department appears to be to make no further treaties with Japan until some of the treaties to which both are parties are accorded more observation.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

"Nancy Fan", R.Y., and Others: Nancy and Sluggo are brooding somewhere in the Pacific. They will recommence their adventures as soon as the American mail arrives.—Ed.

"Offended": We think you are in the wrong. The coins are still legal tender.—Ed.

# Relations With Soviet Russia

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain expressed regret that he was not yet in a position to give a definite date for the issue of a White Paper dealing with the negotiations between the British and Soviet governments.

Answering a supplementary question on the date of publication of the Anglo-Soviet White Paper, Mr. Chamberlain gave an assurance that the delay in publication was not caused by the fact that the documents were being edited in any way, and that the full facts would be given.

**Requires Careful Consideration**  
Asked by Major General Sir Alfred Knox whether in view of the unprovoked aggression on Finland, the Government would now break off relations with Russia, Mr. Chamberlain declared that the decision whether or not to break off relations with the Soviet Government was one that would require most careful consideration in all its aspects.

It was not one to be dealt with satisfactorily in a question and answer.

## Governor's Bowls Team Beaten

The following is the result of the friendly game of bowls Government House played against Mr. G. Brayfield's team yesterday at Government House.

H.H.'s Team	Mr. Brayfield's Team
W. Walker	F. Falderson
Dr. Newton	C. Mannors
J. Deakin	W. Geall
H. E. Carroll	C. Brayfield
N. L. Smith	L. C. N. Ryan
H. H. Peck	F. S. Abraham
E. Seale	C. Goodwin
C. Collins	C. H. Howells
E. Lindell	Y. Walker
Sir A. Macfadyen	G. Costello
A. L. Shields	H. C. Craig
Total	Total
50	60

## STILL FOOLING HIMSELF

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
SIANGHAI, Jan. 25 (UP).—According to the local office of Wang Ching-wel's party, the Tsinan conference has decided that the Wang Ching-wel regime will be named the National Government of China.

The capital will remain at Nanking and the Kuomintang flag will remain as the national emblem.

It is stressed that important questions will be discussed at the forthcoming meeting in Shanghai during February.

Dealing with peace prospects, Wang's organ the "Central China Daily News" to-day declared: "The principle points for peace to be agreed out with Japan call for co-operation on an equal basis and the readjustment of relations with third Powers."

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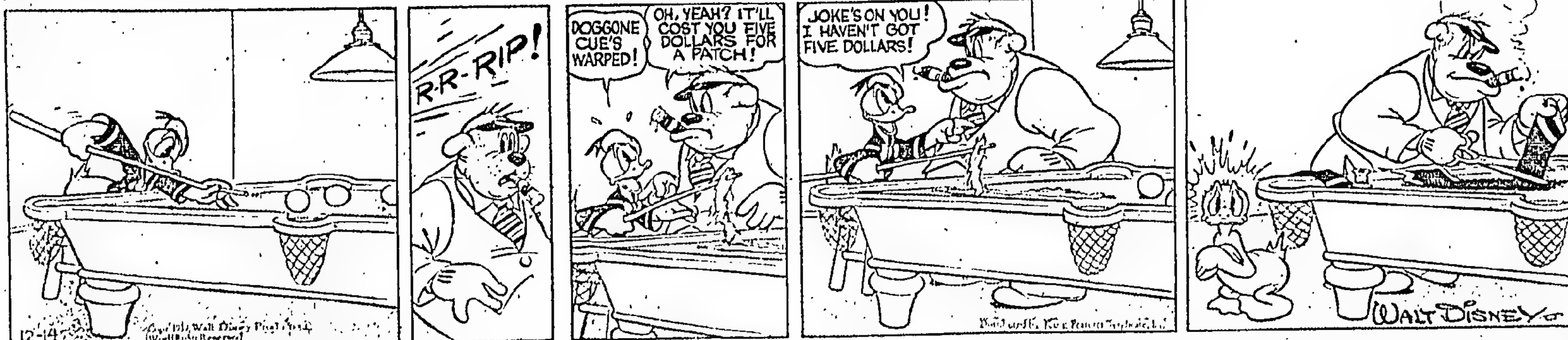
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## FINANCING THE WAR

### Bank Manager's Warning

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—It would be unsound for Government war expenditure to continue to be indefinitely financed by an increasing floating debt through the issue of Treasury bills, said Mr. Edwin Fisher, Chairman, at the annual meeting of Barclay's Bank to-day.

Ultimately the money borrowed for the war must be obtained mainly from the people's savings if inflation was to be avoided. The Government demand for borrowed money, however, was liable to be so large that the raising of the necessary funds would be assisted if some of the increased Government expenditure was first allowed to permeate the economic system and thus influence the volume of savings prior to the actual issue of loans to the public.

#### Utopian Hope

It was Utopian to hope in war time that prices would not rise and wages remain stable, and the knowledge that such changes had already occurred lent emphasis to the need to prevent the dislocation of the economic structure. Therefore, to the extent that an individual saved, Government expenditure would be facilitated and competitive bidding-up of prices avoided.

The control of imports and exports was essential in war time in order to meet the external purchasing power to the best advantage.

#### Denials Necessary

It should be the endeavour to deny ourselves the importation of non-essential goods in favour of overseas requirements vital to our needs. Economic strength would play such an important part in the war that no opportunities must be lost to sell more goods abroad, and essential as that was to-day, concluded Mr. Fisher, it would be of transcendent value when called upon to face post-war problems.

## Rumania And Her Oil

### Official Statement On New Measures

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—The Rumanian official news agency in London issued the following statement to-day: "Due to the fact that oil and its by-products constitute 62 per cent. of Rumania's total exports, the necessity arose to create a central organization with the aim of co-ordinating production and home consumption and export."

"For this reason, an Oil Board was created by a law passed on January 15. This law gives the Oil Board power to control the development of oil fields as provided in the past for oil companies by the Rumanian Mining Act."

**Should Give No Apprehension**  
"The oil problem and the creation of the new Oil Board are part of the general plan conceived by the Rumanian Government with the view to organizing, expanding and co-ordinating national production."

"At the present time, a similar board will begin to aim at co-ordinating the mining and metallurgical industry. These measures are being dictated solely by internal needs. They should not give any reason for apprehension abroad."

It is understood that the Rumanian viewpoint is that establishing a new board is similar to appointing a Ministry of Supply and that it is primarily intended to meet the needs of Rumanian defence.

## NEW MINISTER TO CANADA

OTTAWA, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—Mr. James Croswell, the new United States Minister to Canada, arrived at Ottawa on Tuesday. He was met by members of the U.S. Legation and members of the Canadian Government, including Mr. Mackenzie King, the Prime Minister.

In a statement, Mr. Croswell said that he was deeply aware of the responsibilities which rested on them all to "preserve and, if possible, to strengthen the foundations of which our enduring friendship has been built."

## Japanese Naval Convoys For Merchantmen?

# ASAMA INCIDENT MAY BE SETTLED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 24 (UP).—The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Shigemitsu, and the British Foreign Minister, Lord Halifax, held a further meeting this morning.

It is understood that they agreed that it was mutually desirable to adjust the Asama Maru case amicably.

A further meeting, with this agreement as a basis, is to be held.

Meanwhile, it is reported here that Japan intends to assign naval convoys to Japanese merchant ships.

There is at present no official confirmation of this report.

#### Is This Remembered?

LONDON, Jan. 24 (British Wire- less).—In connection with the removal of 21 German seamen from the Japanese liner, Asama Maru, it is interesting to recall that this vessel ran ashore during a typhoon in a fortified area in Hongkong in autumn, 1937. It was feared at one time that she might become a total wreck, but in spite of the fact that she lay in a strategic zone, the British Government, as an exceptional measure, permitted a Japanese company to undertake her salvage.

As a result the vessel was eventually refloated in spring, 1938.

#### Affair Gives Nazis New Problem

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24 (UP).—The seizure by British naval authorities of the Germans aboard the Asama Maru has caused the German authorities in San Francisco to change their plans concerning the repatriation of the 512 members of the crew of the scuttled Nazi liner Columbus.

It was originally planned to send the men back to Germany via Russia, entailing their crossing the Pacific.

Officials at the German Consulate to-day stated that they were now waiting for new orders from the German Embassy in Washington.

#### Tatsuta In Honolulu

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
TOKYO, Jan. 25 (Domel).—The 10,975-ton N. Y. K. liner Tatsuta Maru arrived at Honolulu from San Francisco at 11.40 p.m.

An official report from the Japanese Vice-Consul in Honolulu confirms that original reports that the Tatsuta Maru was boarded by a boarding party from an unidentified warship were untrue.

Shortly after its departure from San Francisco on January 11, the Tatsuta Maru was approached by an unknown warship, which requested, by Morse code, its name and im-

## ARMY OFFICER'S WIFE SPANKED BY HUSBAND

### Heavy Damages Against Lieutenant's Parents In Enticement Suit

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—A special jury of five men and two women to-day awarded £3,500 damages in a King's Bench decision to Mrs. Valerie Porter, the 26-year-old wife of an Army Lieutenant, who alleged that her husband's parents enticed him away from her.

The award was made jointly against her father-in-law and mother-in-law, of Grosvenor Square, Mayfair.

The jury took nearly two hours in considering the verdict, which was given on the action's eighth day of hearing.

The judge entered judgment with costs and granted a stay of execution for 21 days regarding £3,000 of the damages, pending notice of appeal. He ordered that the balance of £500 be paid to the wife within seven days, the remaining £3,000 to be paid into the court.

Mrs. Valerie Porter alleged that her husband, Bertie, spanked her in her mother-in-law's flat, and was then hit her mother-in-law and was then hit her mother-in-law.

Summing up, the judge said that the son was forced to choose between his wife and parents, and a word of love on that fatal evening might well have prevented "this tragic happening."

"No one had suggested that there was an act of love, an act of kindness, or a kind word spoken. It is a great pity that there was not."

Valerie Porter was radiant with smiles when the jury announced the verdict.

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## CANADIAN WAR PLANS

### \$30,000,000 Programme Is Revealed

OTTAWA, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—A programme involving the purchase of well over U.S.\$30,000,000 of naval units and aircraft was announced by Mr. Howe, the Canadian Minister of Transport, on behalf of the War Supply Board.

The programme will tax the Canadian shipyards and aeroplane factories to the utmost capacity.

Mr. Howe said that orders have been or are being placed for 40 steel anti-submarine boats of a whale-catcher design, 28 mine-sweepers, a large fleet of small motor boats and cars for about 4,000 aircraft.

Mr. Howe revealed that the Inglis factory in Toronto, which is executing an order for 12,000 Bren guns for the British and Canadian Governments, was about three months ahead of the production schedule, and would start deliveries in April instead of July.

## Canadians Parade

### Show Off Faces In Full Battle Kit

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—The first Canadian division to appear in full battle dress paraded at Aldershot to-day.

It was the first occasion that many of the Canadian officers had worn battle dress.

The parade was watched by Major-General Andrew McNaughton and his staff. The Canadians' own bands played appropriate music.

The King spent the day at Aldershot with some Canadian troops who are undergoing training there. He had motored down from Buckingham Palace with an escort of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in khaki battle dress.

#### Aussies Cheered

MELBOURNE, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—Large crowds gathered to cheer 5,000 members of the Australian Imperial Force as they marched through the streets.

## INDIAN PRINCES PROMISE AID

### Regret They Cannot Fight In France

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—The Nawab of Bhopal, who rules over 730,000 Hindus to-day expressed the determination of the Indian Princes to help Britain in the war to the last ounce of strength and until victory is won.

He was speaking at the farewell banquet to the retiring agent of the Governor-General.

The Nawab regretted that Indian Princes were not allowed to fight in France. Hitler's war, he said, was just as much against India as against Britain.

#### Loan To Finland

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—The Senate Banking Committee has approved the increase of \$100,000,000 in the capital of the Export and Import Bank to permit a non-military loan to Finland.

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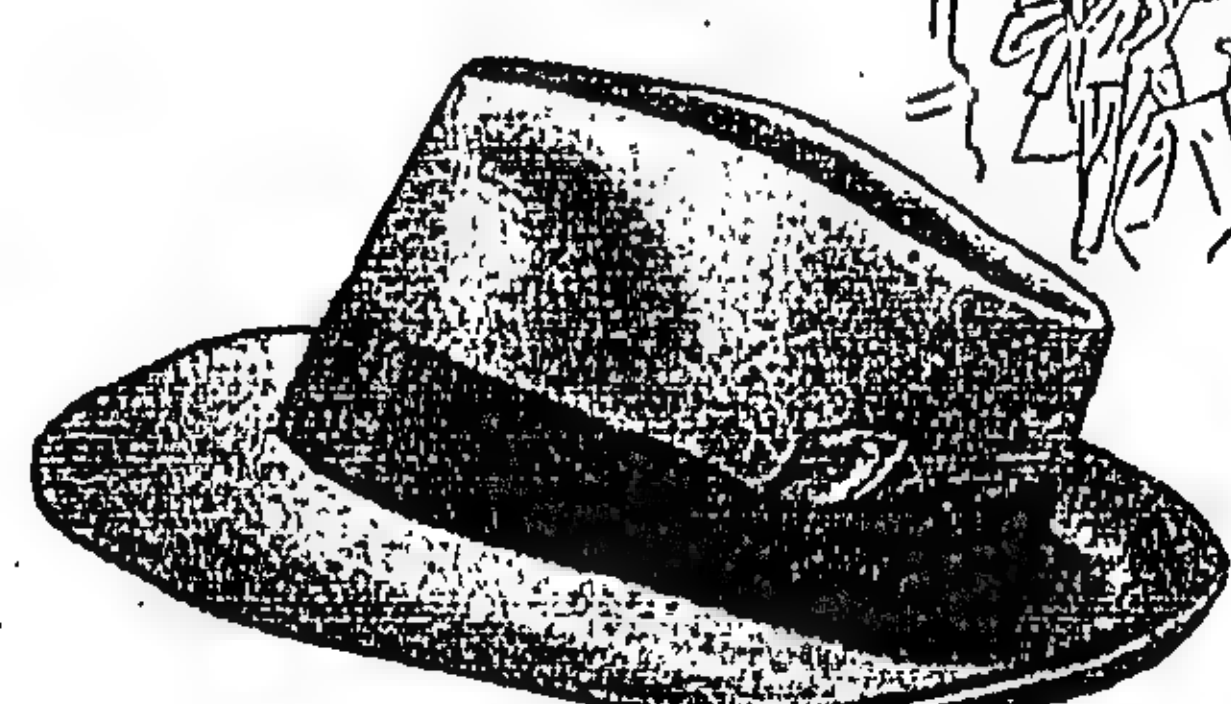
Hitler's "Advice" To His Fighters  
LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—According to the German wireless, Hitler to-day addressed an audience of the German Army and air force on the anniversary of Frederick the Great's birthday.

He said that the first time since the Munich bomb attempt, Hitler advised them "always to follow the example of Frederick the Great, who set a high standard of soldierly virtue."

To-day is the anniversary of Frederick the Great's birthday.

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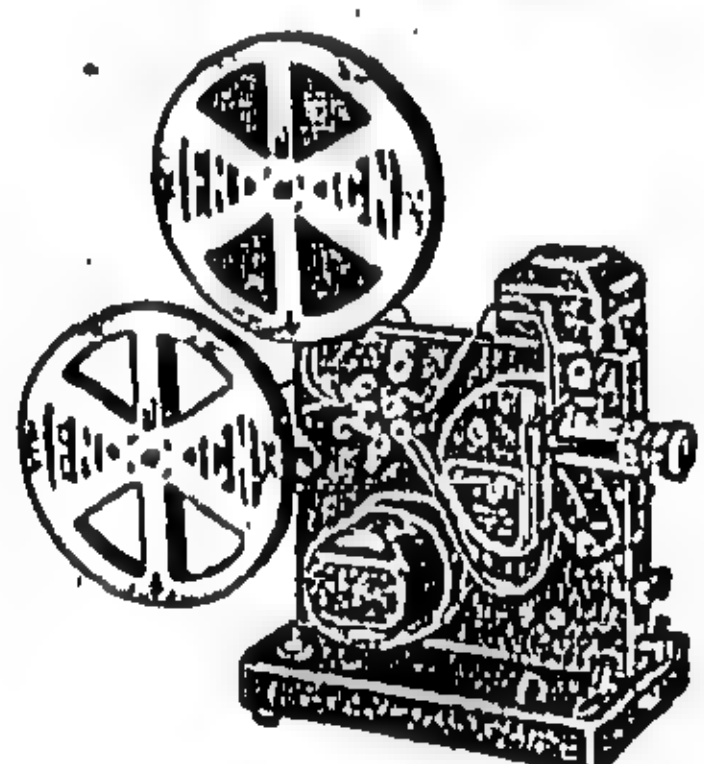
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### DEATH

O'BRIEN.—On Thursday, January 25, 1940, at 3.50 a.m. at Shamen, Canton, John H. O'Brien at the age of 37 years. Arrangements are being made for his burial in Hongkong which will be notified later. (Japan, Manila, Shanghai and New York papers please copy).

The  
**Hongkong Telegraph**

Thursday, January 25, 1940.

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### Danger At Sea

THE WAR moves to a grimmer stage with the indiscriminate mining of shipping routes by Nazi Germany.

Already this campaign has brought to Germany a number of formidable successes.

It would be foolish for us to close our eyes to that fact or to attempt to minimise it in any way.

And it would be idle to deny that the magnetic mine introduces a weapon which it is difficult to completely combat, as we have combated the U-Boat.

This indiscriminate mining of shipping routes, which already has claimed its greatest successes against neutral shipping, is of course absolutely opposed to international law.

But it was always foolish to expect that Nazi Germany would pay any respect to that—and few in Britain or France made the mistake of thinking that it would.

Our naval experts and scientists have already found a counter to the magnetic mine.

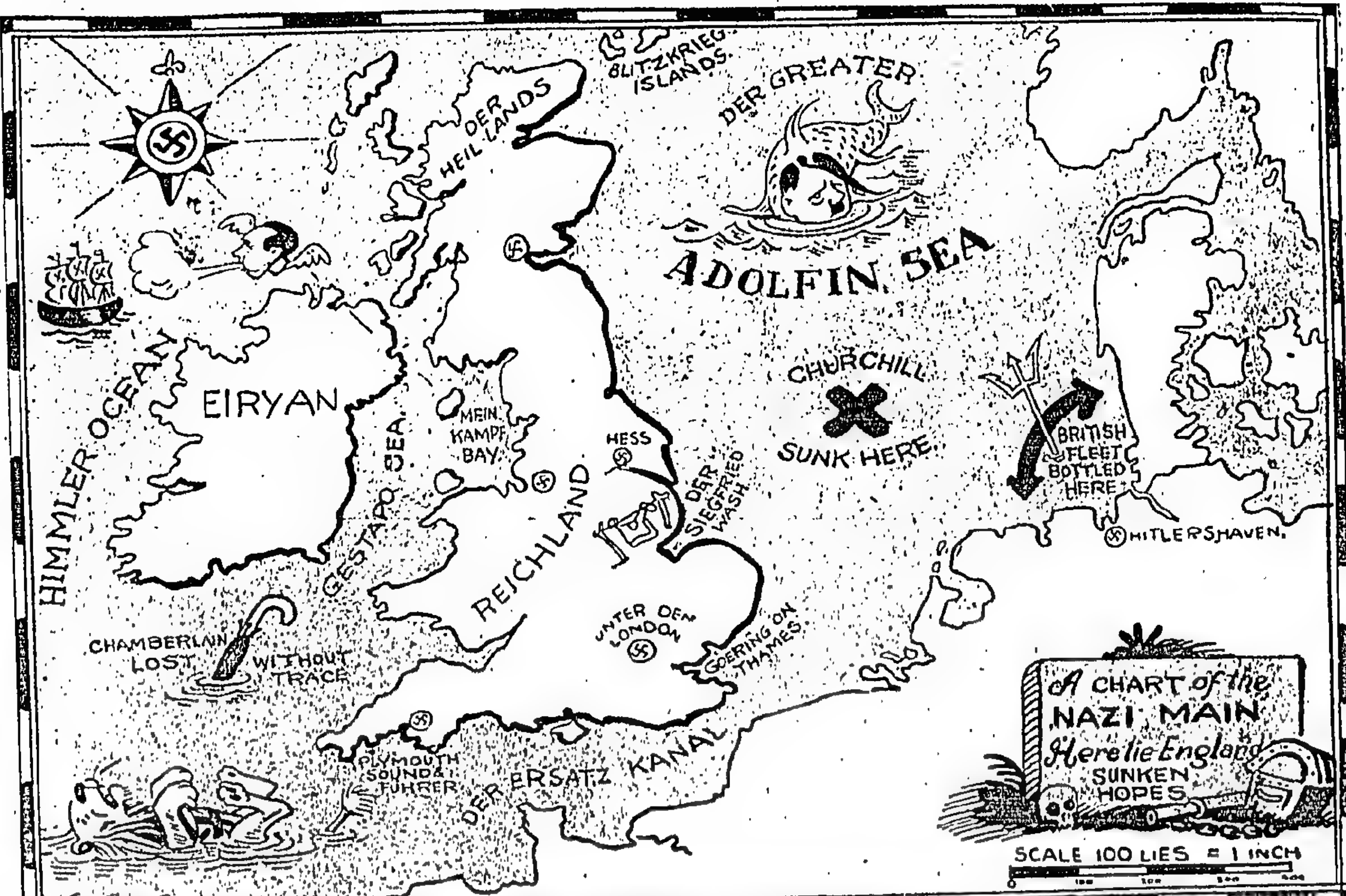
But, just as in the last war, we must be prepared to face shipping losses until peace comes again.

Against the submarine we have so far been extremely successful. This murder weapon of the sea is more difficult to combat.

The British people, who have been encouraged by the successes of the Navy against the submarine menace, will not be cast down by any losses from mines.

All that they will ask is that there shall at no time be any attempt to hide from them the real facts of the situation, however serious.

We flourish best on the truth, whether it be good or ill.



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(A map has been published in the German papers showing how Germany rules the North Sea.)

—STRUBE IN THE "DAILY EXPRESS"

## MINESWEEPING

The Navy's Most

Dangerous Job

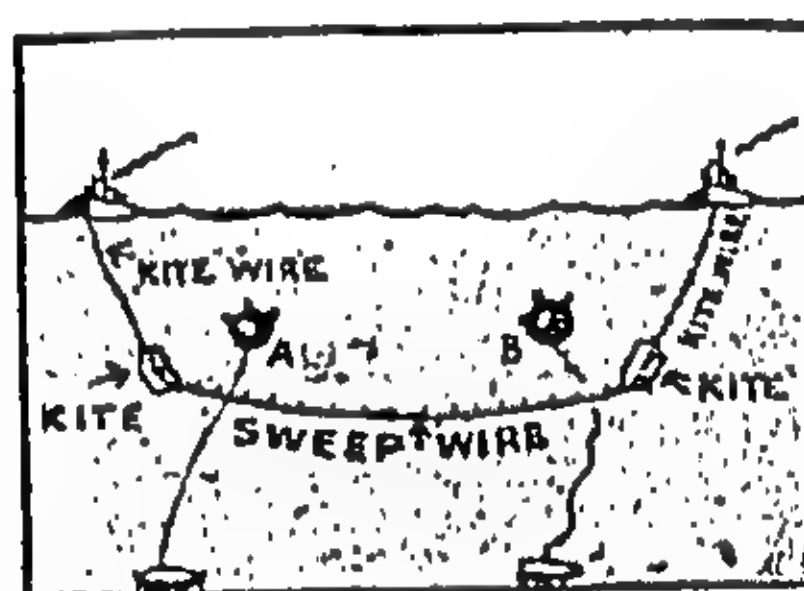
OFFICIAL ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE 24-1-40:

The Secretary of the Admiralty regrets to announce the loss of H.M. destroyer Exmouth by the explosion of a German mine or torpedo. It is feared that all the crew have been lost. The next of kin of casualties have been informed and a casualty list will be issued shortly.

A naval officer looked over my shoulder and read this message in my hand. "Well," he said, "that's another of them."



HOW many more times will my colleagues and myself read such messages during the war? During the four years three months and seven days of the last our predecessors printed an average of one a week.



A. Mine about to enter Sweep.  
B. Mine mooring cable cut by Sweep, and mine rising to surface where it will be destroyed.

During that war the Germans laid 43,636 mines, and at one period one sweeper was lost for every two mines swept up. Each time half the crew was killed or drowned—not to mention scalded hands and faces, severed or broken limbs, nerves shattered by a bloody ordeal which those who survived it could not escape to the end of their days.



TWO hundred and fourteen times such a communique was sent out by the Admiralty and behind the formal phrases lay each time a story of the courage and endurance of men which could not have been told, "would have stirred the heart of every Englishman."

But because of the secrecy with which the Navy must work in war the story could not be told then. Because of the reticence of those men to talk about themselves it is even now only partly known.

In a rare moment of frankness: one of them once said "Minesweeping is a dog's life, only no dog has ever had to put up with anything like it."

ON the readiness of some thousands of officers and men of the Royal Navy, fishermen and volunteers from various walks of life ashore to live that life, day in day out, year in year out, depends your existence in time of war, for without them you would starve, or your Government would be compelled to surrender on the enemy's terms.

It is now a commonplace that the Navy ultimately stands between this country and defeat in war. For unless the seas can be kept open by the Fleet for the merchantmen who bring our food to these shores we cannot exist.

It is not so well realised that without the ships which keep open the oceans for them, the men-of-war could not keep open the way for the merchantmen to go about their business. Without these sweepers, of the seas the British Navy would be in deadly peril of destruction every time it put out of its ports and might very well be unable to put out at all.



ON February 1, 1917, the Germans started their unrestricted submarine campaign, attacking ships on sight with torpedo and laying mines in thousands in the open seas. In 1914-1915 568 British, Allied or neutral merchantmen were sent to the bottom. In February, 1917, 260 were sent down, in March 338 and in April 430.

On April 19, the worst day of the worst month of the war, eleven British merchantmen and eight fighting craft were destroyed. One out of every four ships that left these islands in that month never returned. The U-boat was bringing Britain to the verge of starvation.

There was hardly a harbour, channel or headland round these coasts which was not sown with mines at least once. From the

Shetlands to the Channel the submarines dropped a deadly trail; while big ocean-going craft laid fields in the White Sea, the Bay of Biscay and off the coasts of America, the South China Sea, South Africa, Aden, India, New Zealand, Australia and Ceylon.

A sixteen-inch gun in a battleship is as much good as a penny whistle when it comes to cleaning the seas of mines. This is where the fishermen of Britain came in literally to save our bacon and bread and butter and almost every kind of good on which the people of these islands depend.

In the beginning, this country had a handful of old gunboats and trawlers. In 1918 a fleet of 726 fully-equipped vessels was sweeping a 1,000-mile channel every day to give safe passage to the merchantmen.

When the terrible danger was fully realised fishing skippers and their crews volunteered from every port to do this work, at first under the direction of trained naval men and then alone.

In their ranks went some who had never previously set foot in a rowing boat, let alone a sea-going craft—some, astonishingly enough, for the sake of adventure—some because, although they refused to take life, they were willing to risk losing their own to save others. Among these were the Quakers and other Conscientious Objectors.

And this is the work they willingly and even eagerly undertook and which as you read this thousands of their successors are enduring now.

Every day a channel clear of mines must be kept open round the entire length of our coasts.

Every day now from unnamed ports sail converted trawlers which a few weeks ago were engaged in fishing. Epics of the hardihood of their crews in peace-time have been written. Their war job is fantastically perilous.

There is not a second of any minute of any hour of any day in which they may not be more than a hair's-breadth from being blown sky high and probably never seen again. If they are

not killed outright they may be horribly mutilated and die of wounds and exposure in a wintry sea, or suffocate in the exploded fumes of a mine, or drift for hours on a piece of wreckage suffering the torments of the damned from injuries or the freezing waters.



MINES are usually sown in fields—a few hundred at the entrance to some channel or harbour or, as in the last few days, in a part of the open sea used by our own and neutral shipping on their lawful business.

Their destruction is not only a matter of courage and endurance, but of scientific calculation and precision.

The most common method is shown in the accompanying illustration: A sweep wire is passed between two sweeping ships which steam abreast. This is kept in the water at a predetermined depth by "kites" which weigh it down. Often the sweep wire has a serrated edge. This cuts the cable of a mine moored to the bed of the sea and brings it to the surface to be destroyed by gun or rifle fire.

Nothing can be seen—except the cold grey waste of the waters. Unlike a submarine, a mine cannot be located by an apparatus. Blindly the sweepers steam ahead until a mine is caught and brought up or until the hull is impaled upon one of the leaden horns and the little vessel of probably not more than 250 tons is blown to fragments by an explosion which could destroy a Queen Mary or a Hood.



THAT was probably how the Exmouth met her end on Tuesday. Frequently a minefield is only located when a ship is lost.

Then into the sea of death sail the sweepers, knowing that every moment may be their last.

From the Admiralty may come communique announcing briefly the loss of one, or two, or three, but in a few days the way is safe again.

We do not know how many mines are being laid now or the toll of life and material that will be taken by them but whatever the peril and whatever the hardship and suffering that may have to be endured to defeat them, be assured that from the humble cottages of the fisher-folk of Britain will come men to endure it until there is not a mine left in the sea.

S. G.



# THRILLING AIR DUEL 24,000 FEET IN SKY

## Trail of Frozen Exhaust Gas

LONDON, Jan. 24 (British Wireless).—An account of a recent high altitude aerial combat is contained in the Air Ministry's weekly newsletter published to-day.

A British fighter pilot was ordered to pursue a Dornier bomber sighted over a certain area at a height of 18,000 feet.

"After flying west," his log reads, "I sighted three anti-aircraft shell bursts at 18,000 feet and later another three bursts. I then sighted a trail of frozen exhaust gas at a considerably greater altitude and climbed after it."

## GRATEFUL FINNS

British Medical Aid Is Appreciated

LONDON, Jan. 24, (Reuter).—The Finnish people are very grateful to the people of Britain for the humanitarian aid which is being so freely given, declared a Finnish spokesman in London to "Reuter."

An aeroplane loaded with British medical supplies left London for Helsinki on January 22. This was the second such aeroplane which British generosity had made possible.

The spokesman added that the comforts of warm clothing were especially welcome owing to the enormous damage done in the Russian air raids. All the windows of many towns were shattered, so the inhabitants found it difficult to keep warm.

"Germans Are Coming" Although Russian loud-speakers at the front lines threatened that "the Germans are coming," the spokesman said that his Government possessed no evidence that Germany was giving the Soviet any material assistance or military aid.

The spokesman declared that an official cable from Helsinki stated that the official circles there had expressed great satisfaction over the references to Finland in Mr. Winston Churchill's and Lord Halifax's recent speeches, which were regarded as official promises of real help.

References to the nature of Finland's struggle were also greatly appreciated in official circles.

## Alleged Attempt To Defraud Bank

An alleged attempt to defraud a sum of \$1,000 from the National City Bank, resulted in two men being charged before Mr. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The men were Tao Ping, 47, tailyman, and Chan Po-chuk, 40, unemployed. They were alleged to have attempted to defraud the bank by using a forged check for \$1,000.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for complainant. Hearing was fixed for January 30 at 2.30 p.m.

Defendants were allowed bail of \$1,000 each.

## Old H.K. Resident Dies At Home

The many friends of Mrs. J. M. Ramsey will learn with regret of her death which occurred on January 22 at Rowlands Hill, near Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Mrs. Ramsey, who came to Hongkong in 1900, was the wife of Mr. J. M. Ramsey, late of the Hongkong Whampoa Dockyard.

They left for home on retirement in 1920.

Mr. J. V. Ramsey, a son, is a resident of Hongkong, being connected with the Hongkong and Whampoa Dockyard. Mrs. Ramsey's two daughters are Mrs. J. Rodger, of Shanghai, and Mrs. G. S. Rodger, of Hongkong.

## WANG'S PUPPETS TO MEET

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" SHANGHAI, Jan. 24 (UP).—It is officially reported that Wang Chingwei's political council will hold a conference in Shanghai in the middle of February.

The Council will be composed of members of the Kuomintang, Provisional Reformed and Mongolian governments, and other political parties.

Any member of the Chungking Government who forsakes their anti-Japanese and pro-Soviet policies will be eligible for membership.

## Why U.S. Mails Are Seized

Nazis Sending Money To Germany

LONDON, Jan. 24, (Reuter).—Details of seizures from United States mails by British authorities and the methods by which citizens of German origin in the Americas attempt to use United States mail to transport valuables and food to Germany were revealed by the Ministry of Economic Warfare to-day.

It is stated that since the beginning of the war up to January 12, 9,000 letters and 50,000 parcels were seized as contraband. Most of the letters contained items such as cheques, drafts, letters of credit and the new form of the mark, a "gift mark."

Thousands Of Pounds Marks so far confiscated are valued at 5,220,000 Reichsmarks; cheques, drafts and United States dollars at \$520,000; United States currency at \$9,000 and sterling at £17,800.

A sender of marks to Germany from America purchases marks at a German bank or agency and the draft is then sent by air-mail to Germany, where the receiver cashes it at a bank.

A spokesman of the Ministry mentioned that one of the parcels seized contained pearls valued at £1,000 sent from Japan to Germany.

More than £2,000,000 worth of industrial diamonds were found in the letter post, but the bulk was addressed to recipient in neutral countries and allowed to proceed.

Letters Within Letters

Many senders addressed large envelopes to the recipients in a neutral country, containing a number of smaller envelopes addressed to recipients in Germany.

The sending of parcels of food to Germany from the United States reached tremendous proportions. All these were regarded as contraband and confiscated.

## Car Drivers In Court

European Woman As Complainant

On the complaint of Mrs. K. H. Uttley, J. B. Lim, a car driver, appeared before Mr. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistrate's Court today for failing to exercise caution whilst he was driving in Castle Peak Road on January 1.

Acting Traffic Sub-Inspector Scrim said Mrs. Uttley was driving up Lanchow hill behind a bus. Lim overtook both vehicles at a right hand bend, and passed just in front of the bus. At that time there was another bus coming from the opposite direction and Lim had to manoeuvre his car at a considerable speed, narrowly avoiding a collision which might have caused death or injury to several people.

Lim pleaded guilty and was fined \$20. He has been driving since July 1937, and his record was said to be clear.

Doctor's Offence

Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, was fined \$5 for leaving his car unattended in Saigon Street on the north side, from 7.30 to 9.25 p.m., on January 20.

H. West was summoned for failing to conform to a traffic signal and was cautioned. Sub-inspector Scrim said he understood West had been paying attention to some pedestrians running across the road and had overlooked a red light signal in Nathan Road.

## COL. ROOSEVELT HONOURED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (UP).—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, son of the late President "Teddy" Roosevelt, and a former Governor-General of the Philippine Islands, is to receive the Grand Cordón Blue of the Order of the Jade, which is the highest Chinese decoration which can be bestowed on a foreigner.

The Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Hu Shih, will make the presentation tomorrow in recognition of Colonel Roosevelt's services to the Chinese people as head of the Council which so far has collected \$50,000 from the Bowl of Rice campaign, the proceeds of which are devoted to help relieve the sufferings of Chinese war refugees.

ROBBED OF \$200

Mr. Dinslaw Pagwalla, of 11 Duddell Street, was robbed of clothing and jewellery to the value of \$200 by a thief who entered the premises sometime last night.



The chief towns and villages in the Saar region, also principal railways and roads, are shown above. German activity is reported on the line from near Saarbrücken to Wissembourg.

"One Of The Worst Crimes Which Can Exist"

## SOLICITOR AND INTIMIDATION OF PROSTITUTES

"THERE is no doubt that prostitutes in this area are particularly liable to be victimised by 'Triad' societies, and it is one of the worst crimes which could exist in any community," said Mr. F. H. Losby at the Appeal Court this morning when he brought an appeal before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, on behalf of Chu Shing, 18, a cigarette maker.

The appeal was against the decision of Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, former Senior Magistrate and now Postmaster-General, in sentencing Chu to 12 months' hard labour on two charges of intimidation and common assault on a prostitute named Chan Kong at Wanchai. Chu was also recommended for banishment.

Grounds For The Appeal Mr. Losby said his client was charged by Chan with having asked her on November 23 for money, and in effect to have threatened her that something would happen if she did not pay him \$15. She said she was threatened with being stopped from walking the streets.

Three days later, Chan alleged she was assaulted by Chu without any provocation, and on December 3 the latter was arrested by a Chinese Sapper who happened to be in the neighbourhood. At the Police Court, Chu was not represented and his defence was one of mistaken identity. Following his conviction, an application for re-hearing was made, but this was refused by the Magistrate.

The ground for appeal, went on Mr. Losby, in respect of the first conviction was that the intimidation charge had not been properly made out because the particular threat was not mentioned. All that was stated in the charge was that Chu had threatened Chan with a view to doing an act which she had a perfect right to abstain from doing, namely, to pay \$15. There was nothing about the nature of the threat, and yet the Magistrate had decided that so long as the complainant said she had been intimidated it was not necessary to give the nature of the intimidation.

False Reasoning This view, Mr. Losby submitted, was wrong, because under the Criminal Intimidation Ordinance, a charge had to be laid specifically and in general terms.

By some curious process of reasoning, Mr. Losby added, there was an impression by some of the Magistrates that, under the Magistrates' Ordinance, they had unlimited powers to disregard the actual complaint alleged, but to hear the evidence first and then convict if, in the course of the evidence, they found an offence had been proved. This must have been the reasoning of the trial Magistrate, who also added that there was one thing which he appreciated: it was that prostitutes were particularly liable to intimidation and that it was his duty to stop it if he could.

"With that I agree," said Mr. Losby, "and to my mind it is one of the worst crimes which could exist in any community. But this does not alter the main fact: a man must be properly charged, and on the ground submitted the first conviction must be set aside."

Sentence Too Severe Dealing with the second conviction—common assault—Mr. Losby submitted there was insufficient evidence. It had been stated that another woman had seen the intimidation and assault but did not witness the arrest. The Police officer concerned had the opportunity of holding an identification parade, and his failure to do so had deprived his client of a chance of testing the evidence. This was important in view of the fact that the defence was one of mistaken identity.

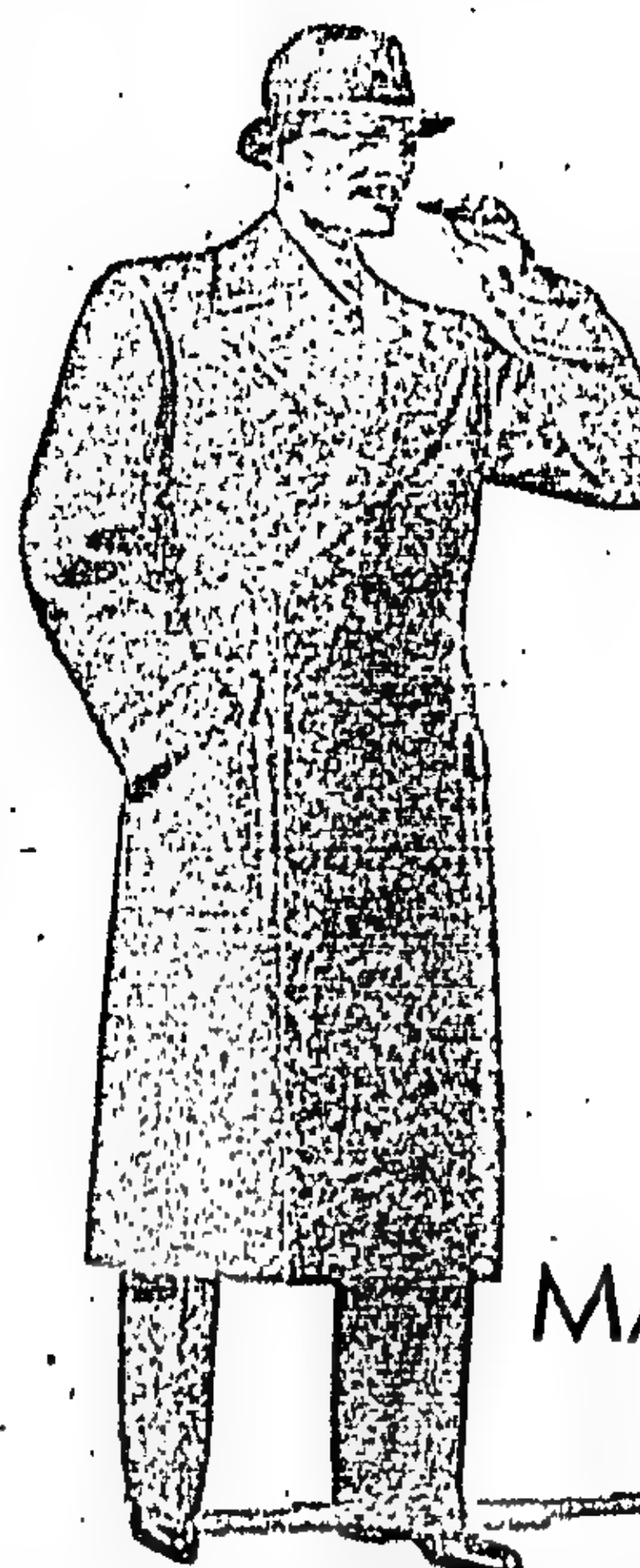
Further, the sentence of six months' hard labour on a charge of common assault was too severe, and the Magistrate, in inflicting the penalty, must have thought that his client was a member of a gang who had preyed on prostitutes. There was, however, no evidence as to this.

Crown Agrees

Replying for the Crown Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, agreed that the first conviction should not be upheld as the charge had not been laid specifically. It was important that an accused should understand clearly what the charge was against him and because this was not done in this case he did not propose to oppose the appeal.

As regards the second conviction, Mr. Williams contended there was ample evidence on which to convict.

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# "Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

## ASSN. COUNCIL UPHOLD UMPIRE

### DAVIS CUP ENQUIRY

#### Eighteen Neutrals May Wish For Competition

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Australia is anxious to know, as soon as possible, whether the Davis Cup, which she won last year, will be competed for this year.

As the holding nation, Australia now becomes manager of the Davis Cup competition and would have to appoint representatives to manage the European and American Zones. Davis Cup challenges have to be in the hands of the champion nation not later than January 31. The draw is usually made on February 3.

The question whether the competition should be suspended for the duration of the war was discussed at a meeting of the Australian Lawn Tennis Association, and it was decided that its representative in London should ascertain immediately from the International Lawn Tennis Federation what action is to be taken.

Although the war makes Australia's position difficult in regard to the Davis Cup, it is not reasonable to assume that she has the right to claim "no contest" this year.

#### NON-COMBATANTS

A LARGE number of the competing nations, including the United States, are not at war and they would have grounds for complaint. Of the 27 nations who entered last year, eighteen are not involved in the war.

The position is different from that in 1914, when all the contenders except America were fighting.

The question the Australian Association has to answer, should the competition be held, is whether she should forfeit the trophy.

In any case, Australia would be in a difficult position since John Bromwich and Adrian Quist, the two players responsible for her success last year, would probably be on military service.

Bromwich comes under the Compulsory Military Training Act and Quist is in the Militia. As they would only be required for the Challenge Round, however, this obstacle could probably be removed.

H. C. Hopmann, the manager of this year's Davis Cup team, is also in the Victorian Militia. He and Quist may shortly have to go into camp.

### H.K.C.C. Eleven v. University

The following will represent the Hongkong C.C. v. the University in a first division cricket match on the Club ground on Saturday:

T. A. Pearce (capt.), G. Aitkenhead, D. Day, F. Finnie, T. V. N. Forster, L. D. Kibbee, J. H. Fox, D. McLellan, J. L. C. Pearce, A. E. Perry and J. E. Richardson.

#### League Badminton

### Recreo And St. John's Win In "B" Division

Recreo beat St. Andrew's 6-3 in the B division of the Badminton League at Recreo yesterday.

H. S. Goncalves and R. Marques beat A. E. Brown and B. Gillis 21-11, 10-11, 11-10. E. P. Quest and A. S. Ellis 21-14, 10-11, 11-10. F. Finnie and H. Kow 21-11, 10-11, 11-10. M. Bell and V. H. Oliveira beat Brown and Gillis 21-11, 10-11, 11-10. B. B. 21-11, 10-11, 11-10. H. A. Barros and A. S. Xavier beat Brown and Gillis 21-11, 10-11, 11-10. B. B. 21-11, 10-11, 11-10.

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### St. Andrew's Ladies' Excellent Form

#### CAER CLARK CUP CHAMPIONS' FIRST DEFEAT IN TWO YEARS

THE COUNCIL of the Hongkong Hockey Association did well to confirm the rejection of the Royal Engineers' protest, which decision was reached by the Hockey Umpires Association. There was no doubt whatever as to the position of the umpire when the appeal was made. He was not certain the ball had been hit from within the circle, and, therefore, immediately reversed his decision.

There is no rule in Hockey which states that a player must not appeal, or must be sent off the field if he appeals. But it is understood that appealing by players should not be permitted. That, however, is a problem for the umpire, who, by the way, is not infallible as everything depends on the position from which the appeal was made.

The case referred to is definitely a matter where the umpire must use his own discretionary power, and spectators who profess to be umpires should bear this in mind. I am inclined to believe that it is just those spectators who seldom witness these incidents who are the ones who are apt to criticize.

I will quote paragraphs from Rule 10 and notes, which refer to umpires as issued under the authority of the International Hockey Board for the guidance of all players and umpires.

RULE 10. Umpires. (b) An umpire shall give his decision without waiting for an appeal.

(d) An umpire shall refrain from enforcing a penalty in cases where he is satisfied that by enforcing it he would be giving an advantage to the offending team.

Notes on the Rule, and in particular sub-para (d) should be studied carefully.

If an umpire is in doubt concerning a decision, he may make such enquiry as may be necessary to make the decision, or correct one already made. If it is necessary to reverse a decision, this must be done at once.

In general, players should be given the impression that if they try to co-operate, an umpire will interrupt the play when this is essential for the conduct of the game.

For rough, or dangerous play or misconduct, in addition to awarding the appropriate penalty, the umpire may also warn the offending player, or suspend him from further participation in the game.

#### Final Interport Soccer Team

Mr. C. A. Goldenberg, Secretary of the Football Association, announced yesterday that the following players would travel to Shanghai.

Moham: S. Strange, A. Bone; A. J. Hussain, K. Forrow, Guy, E. L. Strange, R. Maxwell; A. V. Gosano, T. Castillo, D. Leonard, T. McEwan, J. Hossack, R. G. Honniball.

completely subdued by the diminutive Saints' left half.

Mrs. Starbuck, centre-half, was always on the alert, but the best "y" defender was Miss Pocock, left-half, who broke up numerous attacks and often came to the assistance of the usual safe game at back, but Mrs. Stone, her partner, gave a disappointing exhibition, and due to her poor tackling and slow recovery, Miss Reid beat her to it on four occasions.

Mrs. Harrington in goal was weak, and would be well advised to use her feet instead of her stick in clearing. Play was fast and interesting up to the final whistle, and the better team won.

AT Caroline Hill last Sunday, Radio and Postal Sports Club defeated the R.A.O.C. 5-1 in a tournament fixture. R.A.O.C. fielded only ten men, a circumstance which undoubtedly had considerable effect on the final score.

At half-time, Radio led 3-1, play having been very even. However, in the second half they had most of the play, and succeeded in scoring two more goals. Goal-scorers were G. Singh (2), J. Pinto (2) and J. Singh (1).

The Radio attack worked well together and received good support from the defence.

THE superior score of their opponents should not be allowed to reflect on the very hard-working R.A.O.C. team, who held their own until the extra man, Highland in the R. Pearce, Bond and Highland in the attack formed a hard-working trio, and due to a fast and dry pitch, it took them some time to adapt themselves to different conditions.

Highland scored the only goal in the first half, off a short corner hit. Govier played well as centre-half, and Lock was the best back. Reeves the goal-keeper saved brilliantly on several occasions. In spite of the score, both sides had a very enjoyable game.

AT 7.30 this evening, a Curry Dinner will be given at the Radio and P.S.C. in honour of Sgt. Carter, R.A., who is leaving for Home next Saturday. He has represented Radio at right back for the last two years, and did a good deal in helping his team—the present champions—to victory in the Association tournament last year.

The magnificent form of Carter when he represented the Army against Macao, and England in the International Tournament, last season, brought him into prominence. An injury to his knee early this season, unfortunately gave him a little set-back, but he happily recovered all his old form, and in the last two tournament matches he was in particularly good shape.

The Radio team will miss his services in future games, and it is most fitting that his colleagues should take this opportunity of bidding him

WILE while it must be insisted upon that it was not the "Y" Ladies' day, they could not blame the goddess of fortune entirely for their lack of reward. They enjoyed a good bit of the exchanges in the second half, but on the day's play they were up against a better team.

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### AMERICA AND JAPAN INVITED

#### International Tennis Tournay In Manila

MANILA, Jan. 17 (UP).—The Philippine Lawn Tennis Association to-day cabled the California and Japan Lawn Tennis Associations asking them to name players to the invitation Philippine International Tournament which is to open here March 27 and continue until March 31.

The local group decided to limit the tournament to the men's and women's doubles, abandoning the singles in order to cut down the time of the stay of foreign entrants.

#### Schools' Cricket

### ST. JOSEPH'S BEAT LA SALLE

F. H. Carvalho Scores 41 Out Of 80 Total

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE were fortunate in an innings of 41 from F. H. Carvalho, who thus enabled the College to beat La Salle by 41 runs in a friendly game of cricket played yesterday.

Carvalho scored just over half of his side's total, which was 80, and was the only batsman to duly bowl out A. el Arculli (6 for 26) and L. Remedios (4 for 20). La Salle were dismissed for a meagre 39 runs.

The scores were:

St. Joseph's  
V. Mendonca, b. L. Remedios  
F. Carvalho, c. A. Remedios b. Arculli  
R. Silva, c. and b. L. Remedios  
R. Ho, b. L. Remedios  
F. H. Carvalho, c. L. Remedios  
S. H. Khan, b. Arculli  
S. K. Khan, c. L. Remedios  
F. Holland, b. L. Remedios  
K. Singh, not out  
L. Remedios, c. Carvalho b. Mendonca  
A. el Arculli, c. Carvalho b. Mendonca  
Extras  
Total

Bowling Analysis  
Arculli ..... 6 1 26 4  
L. Remedios ..... 4 0 20 2

La Salle  
Z. Remedios, c. Holland b. Singh  
A. Remedios, run out  
A. el Arculli, c. Silva b. Carvalho  
G. Yvanovitch, c. Mendonca  
F. Holland, b. Mendonca  
L. Silva, b. Singh  
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W. Greenwell, not out  
Extras  
Total

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Singh ..... 3 0 16 2  
Mendonca ..... 2 0 10 1

### Home Soccer Result

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—Playing in the South "B" Section of the Home Regional Football League today, Chelsea beat Brentford by 3-2.

farewell. Recognition of this kind is always pleasing and deserved.

THE Macao Hockey Club is visiting Hongkong of Thursday, February 8, and will play two games at King's Park. The first will commence at 2.30 p.m., Macao 2nd XI v. the Hongkong University, and at 4.30 p.m. the senior Eleven will engage Club de Recreo.

By special request Mr. K. Hussain has been approached to officiate as official umpire for Macao. Needless to say, the Secretary of the Umpires Association, who is one of the best umpires in the Colony, has willingly consented.

Both games ought to prove very interesting, and despite their soccer activities, hockey enthusiasts will have the opportunity to observe how the Portuguese team will fare in the coming interport with Hongkong during the Easter.

AT 7.30 this evening, a Curry Dinner will be given at the Radio and P.S.C. in honour of Sgt. Carter, R.A., who is leaving for Home next Saturday. He has represented Radio at right back for the last two years, and did a good deal in helping his team—the present champions—to victory in the Association tournament last year.

The magnificent form of Carter when he represented the Army against Macao, and England in the International Tournament, last season, brought him into prominence. An injury to his knee early this season, unfortunately gave him a little set-back, but he happily recovered all his old form, and in the last two tournament matches he was in particularly good shape.

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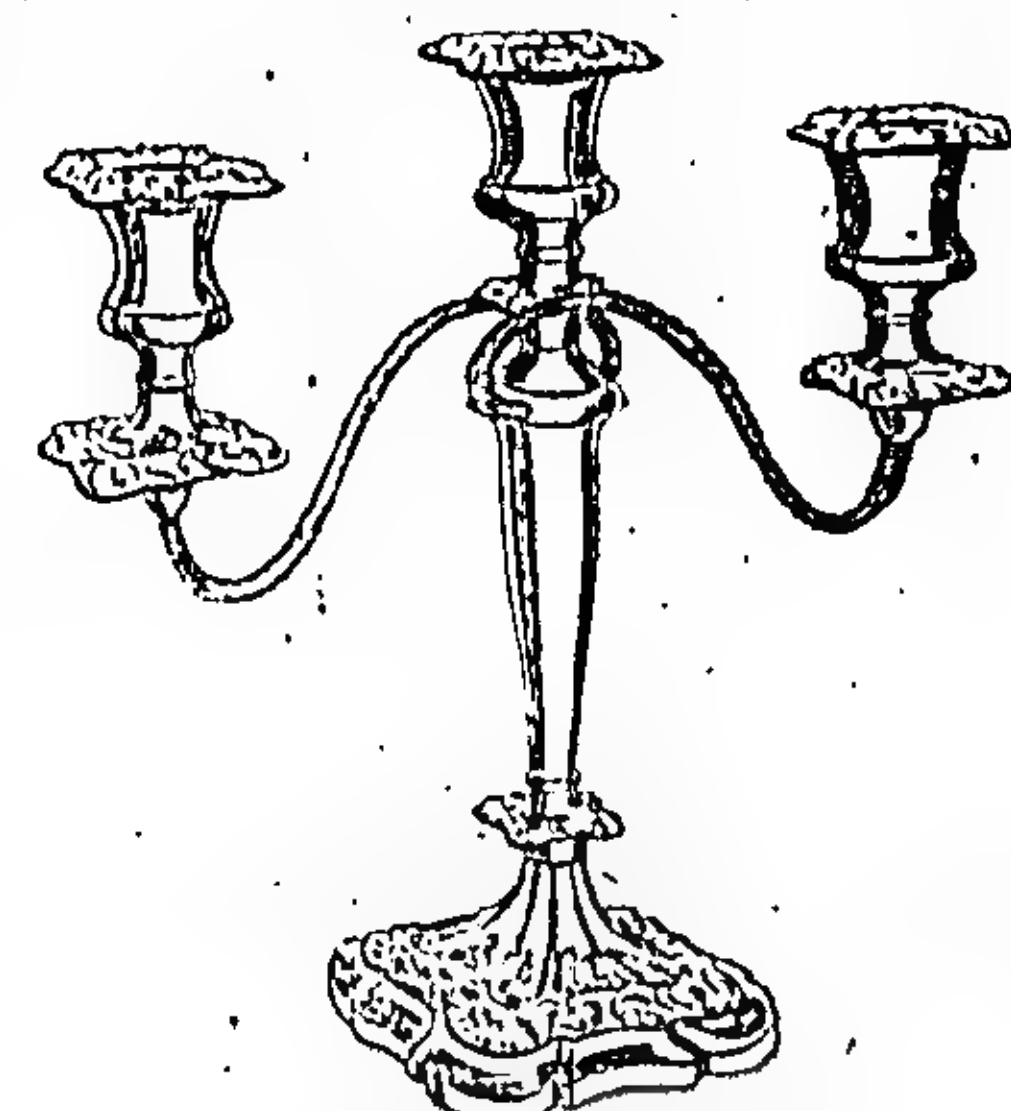
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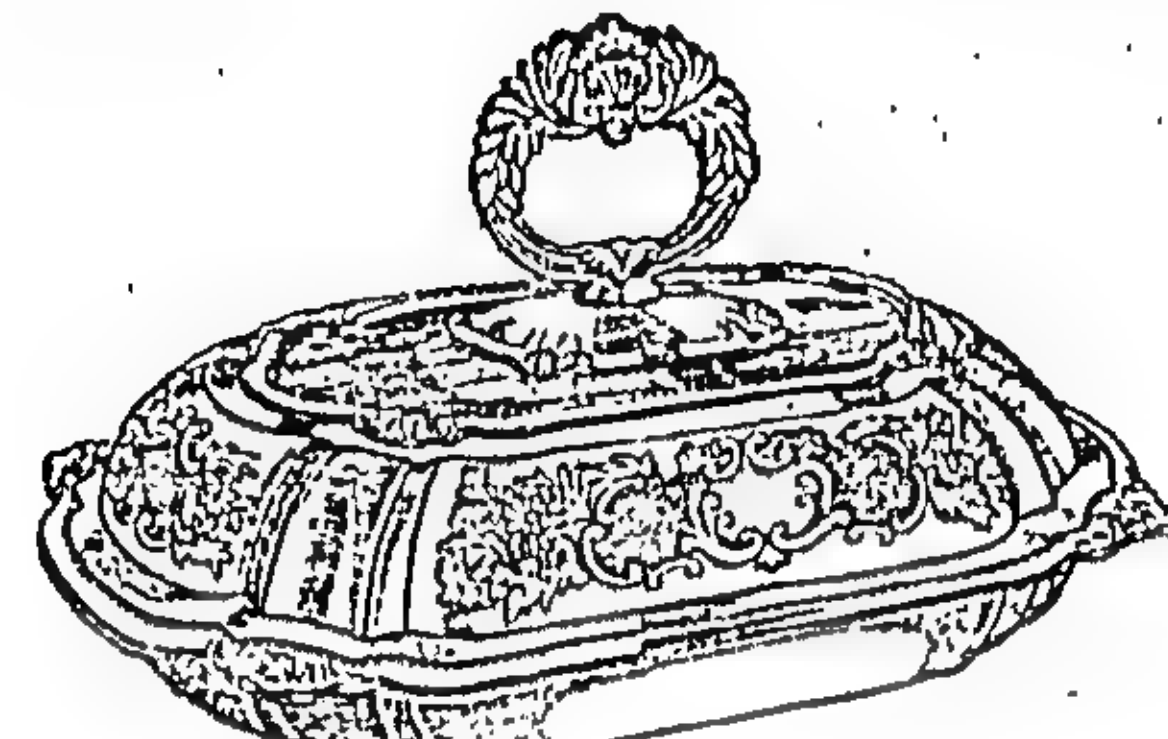
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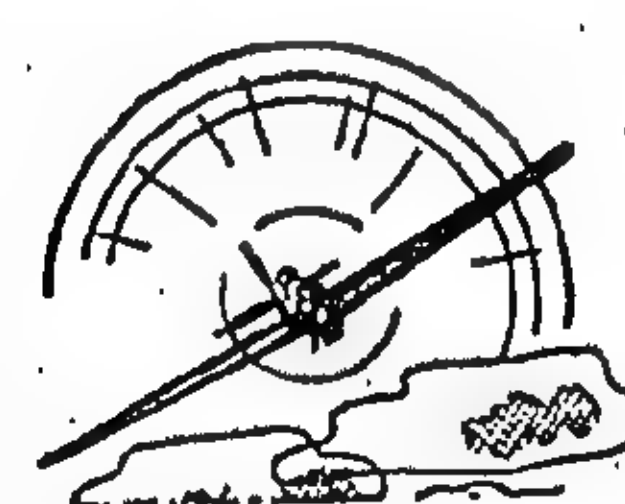
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## BRITAIN'S PLEDGE TO BELGIUM

# Instantaneous Assistance If Germans Attack

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 24 (UP).—Britain is ready to go to the immediate assistance of Belgium if she is attacked.

This was made quite clear by Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-day when he dramatically revealed that Britain's pledges to Belgium placed the relationship of the two countries on the same footing as in 1914, namely, instantaneous Allied assistance in the event of an invasion.

## As They See It Abroad



COUNCIL OF WAR

[From the "Petit Journal,"]

## Britons In Poland Suffer Hardships

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—Asked in the House of Commons to-day whether he had any information regarding conditions of British subjects in Poland, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that the Government had news relating to a total of 74 British subjects and 268 Poles in German-occupied territory and the remainder in the area occupied by Soviet forces.

### Nazi Hindrances

All were believed to be suffering considerable hardship. Efforts had been made to supply those in German-occupied area with parcels of food through the Red Cross, but the German Government had refused the necessary facilities.

As regards those in the Soviet area, the International Red Cross was examining the possibility of affording relief.

The British Ambassador in Moscow had sent members of his staff to Lwow to organise and assist in the withdrawal of British subjects and Poles from the area, and had made funds available for this purpose.

### Catholics Oppressed

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—For the third day in succession, the Vatican City radio has denounced the German oppression of Roman Catholics in Poland.

In Germany itself, the announcer said, further attacks are being made on religion and all religious teaching, and schools are being abolished.

"This measure is a flagrant violation of the Vatican's Concordat with the Reich," said the announcer.

## £8,000,000 A Year For Pensions

New Concessions By Chancellor

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Sir John Simon announced that the Government would give concessions for old age pensions amounting to just over £8,000,000 a year.

The cost will be partly met by another two pence a week for men and three pence for women.

There is no limit to the amount of extra pensions, but the scale would be based according to the needs of pensioners.

Spinsters and some wives will be able to draw their pensions at the age of 60 instead of 65.

There will be an increase of 5/- a week for old people with no other resources. These are the hardest hit by the rise in the cost of living.

### Press Enthusiastic

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—Most of the British Press welcomed the new pensions. In the words of the "Daily Telegraph," they will go a long way in relieving the hardest hit cases.

Some papers want to see a flat rise of 5/- but the "Times" says that this would cost about £39,000,000 a year—an overwhelming sum at a time when the nation has to find £2,000,000,000 for ordinary expenditure.

A dissentient note was struck by the Labour paper, the "Daily Herald," which merely condemns the policy of introducing a means test in this social service under the cover of war, but also condemns the fact that the additional £8,000,000 is not being borne by the Treasury but by contributions from workers and employers.

## New Speed Limit

Britain To Slow Down Traffic

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—The new speed regulations will come into effect on February 1, reducing the speed limit during black-outs from 30 to 20 miles an hour.

None of the papers doubts that this is a move in the right direction. Deaths of civilians have exceeded those of members of the armed forces on active service, and the death-roll has increased as the nights get longer.

### Newspaper Doubts

Many papers, however, wonder whether the regulations go far enough. The "Daily Telegraph," for instance, is somewhat scornful and asks how the Ministry of Transport proposes to enforce the 20-miles an hour speed limit during black-outs when the number plate cannot be seen.

Nothing, says the paper, can be achieved by sending out policemen armed with notebooks to "prowl" through the night, peer through the gloom and peep through the dark. The "Manchester Guardian" and some other papers wonder whether it would not be possible to relax some black-out restrictions in order to reduce the danger to lives after dark.

## Kato Flying To Tsingtao

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Jan. 24 (UP).—According to Wang Ching-wei's China News Agency, Mr. Kato, the Japanese Minister-at-Large in China will fly to Tsingtao in connection with Wang Ching-wei's conference to be held there.

Afterwards he will submit a report on the deliberations to Tokyo. It is stated that during his stay in Tokyo, Mr. Kato discussed certain measures with the Premier, Admiral Yonai and the Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita, especially regarding questions on the readjustment of Anglo-Japanese and Japanese-American relations.

## Russians Can't Have Canadian Wheat

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OTTAWA, Jan. 24 (UP).—An Order-in-Council has forestalled the reported plan to ship 1,000,000 bushels of wheat to Russia.

The Order forbids the export of any articles "to any neutral country contiguous to territories under occupation or control of the enemy without a permit from the Minister of National Revenue."

It is officially explained that the government acted as soon as it learned of the possibility that certain exports might reach Russia.

## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

### 50 YEARS AGO

The infant King of Spain was crowned on Saturday. His illness is so serious as to give cause for grave alarm. To-day he is much better.

It is officially notified that Queen Victoria, although well and perfectly able to perform her duties, has lately been suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism, and is therefore unequal to the fatigue of opening Parliament in person.

The Americans in London have decided to give a grand banquet to Mr. Stanley in the middle of February, at which occasion they will present him with massive silver shields which will portray his exploits in Central Africa.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Some interesting figures published show a remarkable absence of typhoid among the British expeditionary force. There have been 212 cases since the beginning of the war and only 22 deaths.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Terminating in dramatic circumstances, all the defendants withdrawing without warning their pleas of not guilty, and substituting pleas of guilty, the trial at the Old Bailey of Clarence Hatry and his three co-defendants, Edmund Daniels, John Graham Goolfeiler Dixon and Albert Edward Tabor closed to-day.

Mr. Justice Ayles' passed sentence of fourteen years' penal servitude on Hatry, seven years' on Dixon and three years on Tabor.

### 5 YEARS AGO

According to the "Central Press," Chinese troops have retired to position inside the Great Wall and the Japanese, who yesterday were at grips with the garrison forces of Kuangtung, Fushikow, had taken up posts, outside the ancient buttress against barbarians.

"Central News," the Chinese agency, reports further shelling of Chinese positions and bombing by Japanese planes. These reports are not confirmed by foreign press services.

Commenting on the Chamberlain situation, the "Times," according to reports, says that while the incident was small in itself, it indicates the inability of Japanese diplomacy to prevent the soldiers of the nation taking whatever action they deem appropriate.

## Norway's Heavy Shipping Losses

OSLO, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—It is announced that since the war began, Norway has lost 32 ships of a total tonnage of 112,000 and that 150 sailors have lost their lives.

## "Not Of National Importance"

## UNITY MITFORD DEBATED IN HOUSE OF LORDS

LONDON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—A recent film depicting and commenting on (A) the return of Miss Unity Mitford at Folkestone and (B) the resignation of Mr. Leslie Horne-Bellish led to an interesting debate in the House of Lords, where Lord Denman asked the House to approve a motion that careful censorship of news films in war-time was necessary.

Lord Denman said that to magnify the return of Miss Unity Mitford into a matter of national importance was absurd, and to pour ridicule on her return, as was done in the film commentary, was unfair and ungenerous. Lord Denman added that the news reel made an error of judgment in saying that the public resented Mr. Horne-Bellish's resignation.

### Not Colonel Blimps

While fully recognizing Mr. Horne-Bellish's abilities, he reminded the House that there was a British Army before Mr. Horne-Bellish became War Minister and that the officers were not a set of reactionary Colonel Blimps. The Marquess of Dufferin in reply agreed that as an example of mediocrity, the Unity Mitford film would be hard to beat. It was deplorable.

Lord Dufferin said that there was nothing in the film about Mr. Horne-Bellish which could be taken as against public policy, and asked if there was anything more blatant or more propagandist in the film than anything which had appeared in the popular Press during that time.

"We must be logical in these matters, and we cannot differentiate between these two methods of diffusing news," he said. Lord Strathclyde said that the Government, through the Ministry of Information, was keeping newspapers so short of news that journalists were glad of any story that they could write up and make interesting. Lord Denman's motion was withdrawn.

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# WHAT A YAWN!

## Nurse Hester Solves BEDTIME PROBLEMS

NOT all parents realize that sleep is of equal importance to children as a well-balanced diet. During sleep the whole body should be relaxed while it recuperates from the exertions of the day. Breathing becomes lighter, the heart beats more quietly, sleep should bring just that regular recovery of energy to the body of the child which the long winter's hibernation brings to that of dormice and bees.

Without plenty of sleep the child cannot develop properly, however good a diet he may be having. There is, however, a type of sleep which does little good—that of the over-tired child who is put to bed in a stuffy bedroom perhaps with too many clothes on his cot. He will probably sleep fairly heavily, but he will awake pershy and unrefreshed.

The normally healthy child wakes quickly and happily like a bird to scramble from his bed eager to explore a new day.

### Miss Grumpy

My little girl, aged ten, is a terror to me in the morning; she is all right until she gets up to school. She refuses breakfast; won't go to bed before 8.30 p.m.

NO parent should have to admit that their child of ten refuses to obey them, and I can only feel that you have let her rule you instead of keeping proper control over her.

On these dark nights she should be sent to bed at 7 p.m. There is no point in keeping children up in warm living rooms in which the air is gradually being used up.

### Apple & Ginger Preserve

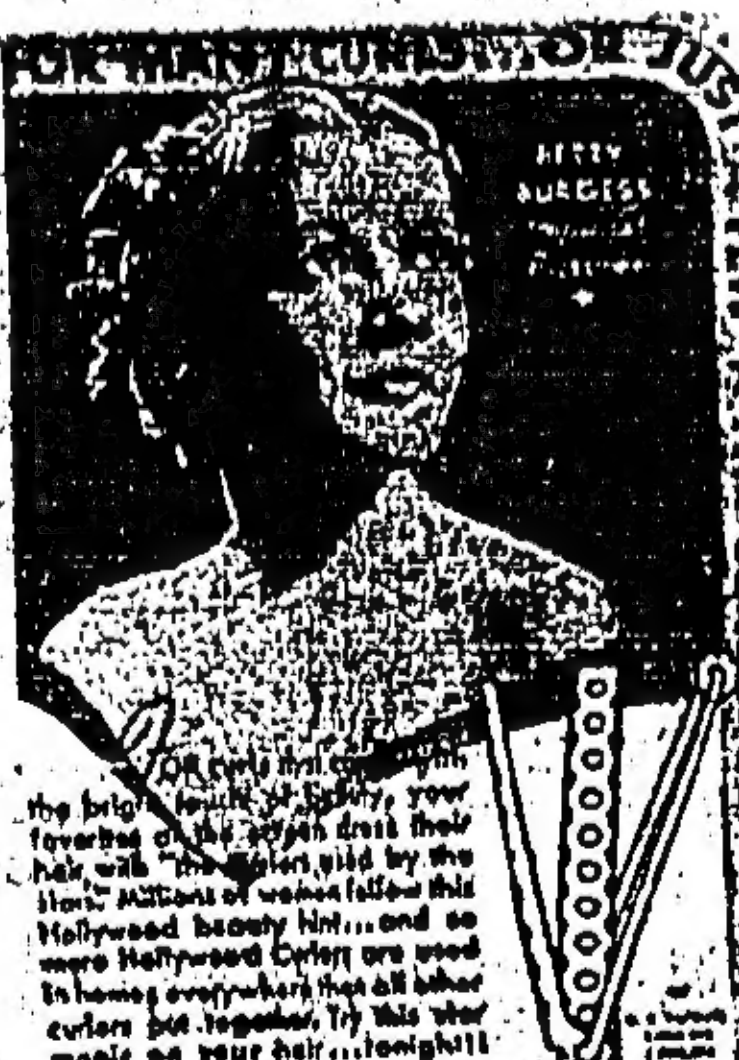
If you are fond of a ginger flavour in preserves you'll like this economical recipe.

Take a quantity of apples peel thinly, remove cores and cut into thin slices. When you have four pounds, put them into a pan with 1 pt. water. Cook till soft and then rub through a sieve. Measure this and return to the pan with 2lb. sugar and every pint of pulp.

Cook slowly until the sugar has dissolved, then bring the boil and skim. Add the juice and grated rind of a lemon and 4 oz. preserved ginger cut small. Boil and stir until it will set readily on a cold plate.

### ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

The schedule for the 1940 Flower and Vegetable Show on March 5 and 6 has been circulated to members of the Hongkong Horticultural Society. A rule attached to the booklet states that considering the large number of residents who could avail themselves of the opportunity afforded flowers and vegetables, comparing very favourably with any provincial show in England the Committee hopes the public will patronise the show in large numbers.



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## Keep Your Jam Jars

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There are many other uses for jam jars, painted to match the colour-scheme of your house. On rainy days, why not have one or two in the hall in which wet umbrellas can be put to drain? Have one in the kitchen to keep spills in.

The screw-top kind of jam jar is especially useful in the kitchen. In them you can store rice and similar things. If you want to keep lemons fresh for some time—even as long as a month—put them in a jam jar and fill it with cold water. If the water is changed regularly, the lemons will keep fresh.

Keep a jam jar in the bathroom, and one in the kitchen, and put bits of left over soap in them. When the pieces are dry, they can be dissolved in boiling water to make a splendid soap-jelly. A jar is also useful for mixing a shampoo, and it is a good idea to keep one in the bathroom for this special purpose.

Another good idea is to keep a painted jam jar in your bedroom, and put your used face-tissues and pads of cotton-wool in it. This will save your waste-paper basket from getting sticky.

Jam jars make splendid forcing houses for small plants and seedlings. If you want early lettuce, put jars over some of your seedlings, and they will not only grow rapidly, but be protected from the raids of slugs and snails. In winter, jars can be used to shelter young plants from the frosts and biting winds that would otherwise smother them.

Finally, never throw away earthenware jam jars. They can be used in the oven for stewing fruit or to render down fats for dripping. I. H.

## Not Enough Sleep Last Night?

him down to sleep after his 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. feeds. Give up this habit of bolting of sugar water; that leads to distension and wind which can be most painful. If you think he is thirsty give a few teaspoonfuls of boiled water, using a spoon.

Wrap his arms firmly with a square of soft cotton material, so that he cannot wave them about. I am sure that this makes a baby feel much safer, and that it does away with any sense of insecurity which is possibly the cause of much disturbance in babyhood. Finally, always put baby to sleep on his right side for two hours after a feed; he can be turned on to the left side later.

### Night Attire

I have always allowed the children to keep their combinations on under their sleeping-suits in winter. Is this correct?

NO. Day-clothes should never be worn at night; it is an unhealthy habit. All day-clothes should be hung out to air at night. You will find it a nuisance which can be folded away in the day-time. On this their day-clothes can be spread out at night.

A sleeping-suit in light wool material is quite sufficient night covering for the normal child; anything more may lead to heavy perspiration and an unrefreshing sleep.

### Tired Mother

I have been awfully tired since baby's birth, and I should like to rest in the afternoon, but this eighteen-month-old son demands all my attention.

YOU need a day-time rest as you have to get up for your husband; at eighteen months baby also needs a good day-time nap. I advise you to take him upstairs with you for an hour every afternoon.

Shut him out of his day-clothes and let him sleep in his nightgown. He is much more likely to drop off to sleep if he is tucked up in his cot properly. I have an enema chart which would help you.



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DON'T sit like this with drooped shoulders, curved spine and bent neck. Straighten up as though you took an interest in your job. Excellent corrective exercises are given in Miss Hunt's beauty column to-day.

## Exercises Help Girl Achieve An Erect Posture

By JACQUELINE HUNT

A GOOD posture does things for you. It gives you an air of confidence, poise and vibrant health that makes folks notice you. If your body is erect, shoulders square with the world and chin out you look happy and relaxed. Moreover, people will feel that your philosophy of life and your ability to do your job well are just as good as your posture.

Keeping your fine posture becomes a front of chest, then stretch straight something of a task, however, when you must spend a good part of your time sitting behind a desk. Bent necks, stooped shoulders and curved backs are common among girls in offices. If you have any of these faults now, correct them immediately.

Good posture doesn't mean that you should sit as straight and stiff as a ramrod. Good posture should be easy, graceful and natural to you. Practice sitting, standing and walking correctly and see how much more pep you have. To others you take on an entirely different personality when your posture is right.

### TOUCH YOUR TOES

Strengthen and limber the muscles most used to hold your body erect. There is no better exercise for this than the old one of bending up and down to touch your toes. Do it ten times a day to start with, but increase the number until you are doing it fifty times a day. Keep your knees straight, stretch your arms high over your head, pulling your body up to its fullest height. Take a deep breath. Your shoulders should be directly above your hips; your head up so your neck is straight and short. Hold your rear in as though you were trying to avoid a hard yank. Bend forward from your waistline and touch your toes with your fingertips. Repeat as many times as you can.

Hold the same erect posture when you stand or walk. Learn to sit correctly, too. If you do not sit correctly all your effort in standing is wasted.

Sit back full in your chair, feet together, preferably not crossed, on the floor. Think of your spine as a straight line from the centre of your skull to the chair bottom. Tighten those hip muscles that are inclined to spread your legs apart. Relax, repeat, keep this up every day. The muscles, literally ache. This is a simple exercise that can be practised a dozen times a day.

### STRENGTHENS THE SHOULDERS

Exercises will seem tiring at first, but after a while they will actually invigorate you. They require enthusiasm at first, but soon they will become a habit—a healthy habit that will help you maintain a good posture. The following exercise will strengthen the muscles of the shoulders and upper back.

Stand with your arms stretched sideways from shoulders. Cross arms

## Using Up Stale Bread And Cakes

There is no excuse for throwing away bread which has become stale, for with a little trouble it can be made the basis of some appetising dish, even if it be only bread and butter pudding.

Another good way of using stale bread is to make crisp rusks to eat with butter or cheese. Break up the bread into fairly equal sized bits, then into sweetened milk, and bake in a warm oven until dry and crisp. If you have any stale corn, cut off the top of each to form a lid, then scrape out all the crumb. Fry the corn in butter or margarine and let them dry. Then fill the cases with a mixture of onion chopped up with ham or corned beef, rabbit or cheese, put on the lids, and bake for a few minutes.

The crumb taken out of the rolls can be made into dainty tea cakes by mixing it with egg and milk. Form the mixture into little cakes, and sprinkle with brown sugar or desiccated coconut, and bake. Odd pieces of stale bread should be rubbed through a colander to reduce them to fine crumbs. Spread these on a baking-sheet and brown them in the oven. Place in an airtight tin, and they will come in handy for sprinkling over boiled ham, etc.

Cakes and buns which have been left over should be put in a special tin. These when stale and dry can be converted into something more delicious than the original. It is wasteful to throw away such things in these times, especially when we remember that the basis of all well-made cakes is butter, flour, sugar, and eggs.

A fruit-cake can be converted into a good steamed pudding. Crumble finely, add a little milk, fruit-juice, or beaten egg. The same treatment for a fruit or plain cake will make a nice luncheon sweet if baked in a shallow tin lined with pastry.

If moistened with fruit-juice or bound with a little jam, crumbs can be converted into delicious "fancies" for an afternoon tea-party. Form them into oblong or ball shape, with rolled jam, etc., jelly, and decorate with icing. Chocolate powder may be added, the mixture being slightly moistened and rolled into shape. These should be coated with chocolate and served in paper cases. I. H.

## BATTLE FOR IRON

### Hitler May Grab Part Of Norway

THE military campaign in Finland is a struggle for nickel and iron. All Scandinavia may be dragged into it.

The Russians went after the nickel mines which are in the far north of Finland. The Finns have blown up the mines.

The Germans fear that the Russians may also seek to seize the Swedish iron mines if they can get across Finland. Germany draws half of her iron ore from Sweden.

In summer the iron supplies go by railway to Lulea and thence by ship down the Baltic to Stettin. If the Russians should occupy the Åland Isles they would completely dominate this traffic.

In winter, when the ice blocks the north Baltic, the ore for Germany goes by railway to Narvik, in Norway. There it is shipped for Germany via the Atlantic. The ships creep down the Norwegian coast, safe inside the three-mile limit.

To protect this trade the Germans now contemplate seizing a large part of Norway, and probably that part of the Swedish coast which faces the Skagerrak.

The Norwegians also expect the Russians will demand Atlantic seaports from them. They expect a Russian invasion this summer. They will resist it.

Many Norwegians are pro-British. Others are pro-German. None are pro-Russian.

The Norwegians have a tiny army of 14,000. Their Air Force claim 50 fighter airplanes and no bombers.

They have no navy, except small coastal craft. But they have 60,000 naval reservists. These are their merchant seamen, trained in handling and manning guns.

Many of them learn the rudiments of gunnery shooting whales. Then they are trained

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In connection with the funds that are being repaid by the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong Branch, to the British Red Cross Society, and Order of St. John of Jerusalem, in England, the following particulars from the latter will be of great interest to the public of Hongkong:

All funds sent to the Red Cross and St. John War Organisation are used by that Organisation only in connection with its work in the present war in the relief of the sick and wounded of the Fighting Forces, prisoners of war, and if such becomes unhappily necessary, for the relief of casualties caused by hostile action amongst civilians.

### Supplies For Hospitals

A considerable amount of medical equipment, comforts, books, etc. are being supplied to hospitals in England and in France and also to hospital ships. These supplies supplement the military equipment and are issued with a view to ameliorating the conditions of the sick and the wounded by means of the sick and the wounded of the Fighting Forces, prisoners of war, and if such becomes unhappily necessary, for the relief of casualties caused by hostile action amongst civilians.

The work of the Organisation is fully described in their fortnightly Summary of Work, of which copies are being sent to the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong.

In addition, both the Headquarters Organisation and the local branches of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John are giving considerable help to persons shipwrecked by hostile action round our coasts.

### Reserve Supplies

The Organisation's main effort, however, is devoted to accumulating a reserve of medical equipment, ambulances and stores of all sorts, to meet the sudden demands which in our experience will be made if heavy fighting begins; such reserve, which can rapidly be drawn upon, represents perhaps the chief value of the Red Cross Organisation. In that it provides a reservoir from which supplies can be drawn in emergency wherever demands are overwhelming in any particular area under severe attack.

In addition to stores in England, the Organisation already has a Store established under its commission in France, and will very shortly have ambulances there—Contributed.

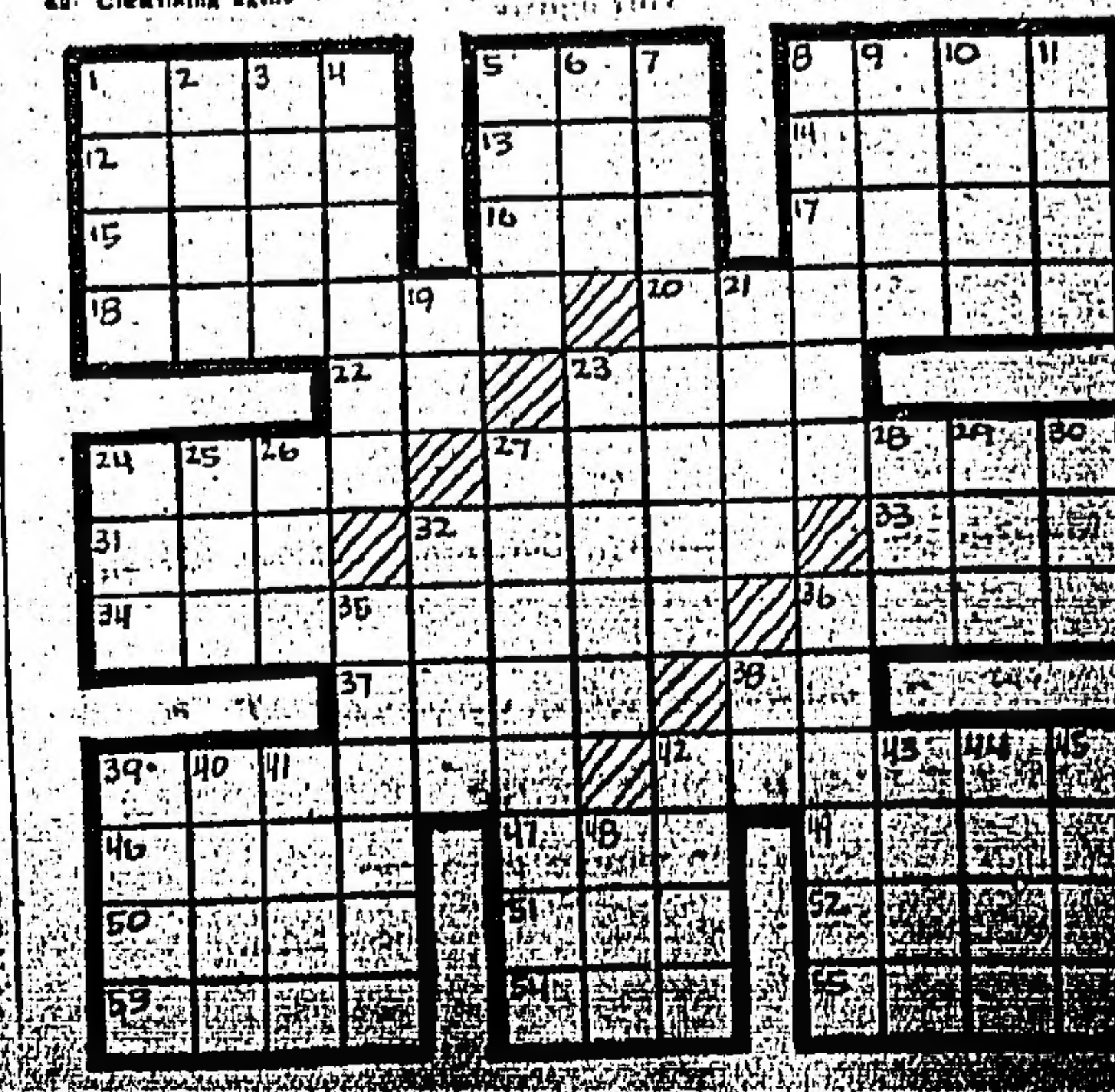
as gunners for the naval reserve.

So that if the Americans and the British can spare some warships for the Norwegians, that resourceful race of seamen will quickly make themselves a navy.

## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

- ACROSS
- 1—Examine
  - 2—Period
  - 3—Meat dish
  - 4—Official in Orient
  - 5—Answer
  - 6—Furniture
  - 7—Fifteenth of July
  - 8—Takes without permission
  - 9—Butler in London
  - 10—Roman freedman
  - 11—Lump
  - 12—Frequent with vaudeville entertainers
  - 13—Girl's name
  - 14—Produce sold with thread
  - 15—Answerable to committee
  - 16—Careful watching and customs
  - 17—Shower
  - 18—The man
  - 19—Which were taken without permission
  - 20—Pieces of unceremonious argument
  - 21—Noted period of history
  - 22—Cleaning agent
- DOWN
- 1—Live out
  - 2—Fishes
  - 3—Live and last of seaweed
  - 4—British official who recently visited
  - 5—Occasional word
  - 6—Niche
  - 7—Division of time
  - 8—Casualty expenditure
  - 9—Fishes
  - 10—Unnecessary activity
  - 11—Furniture
  - 12—Trench letter
  - 13—Cash attempt of
  - 14—Tear off by shop
  - 15—Tide of tides in
  - 16—Small canister
  - 17—Keratinous
  - 18—Large volume
  - 19—Correct spelling
  - 20—Fishes
  - 21—Repetition
  - 22—Citizen of Denmark
  - 23—Short mast
  - 24—Small deer



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# CHOLERA!

The U.S. War Department has ordered the evacuation of American troops from the Mysang district in the island of Mindanao, despite the fact that the peaceful community is threatened with extinction by Alipang and his dreaded Moro bandits.

Four men are ordered to Mysang to assist Colonel Hatch in training the Philippines Constabulary, which is to keep order in the district after the withdrawal of the troops. Soon after their arrival Colonel Hatch is murdered by a Moro and Manning takes charge. But Manning, too, is killed, leaving only Hartley, a strict disciplinarian, Larson, McCool and Canavan, the doctor, to hold out against the thousands of Moros.

WHEN Linda saw Canavan coming down the street driving the Jura-metado before him and Miguel prancing beside him, proudly waving the Moro's kris, she almost cried out with joy.

For twenty-four hours she had been in an agony of doubt. All morning she had helped Mabel Manning pack while the boat waited in the harbour to take them both back to Manila.

Her father, raving at Bill's disobedience, had refused to discuss what chances he had to return.

McCool said, grimly, if they found him at all it would be with his honey-smeared head sticking out of a pit—that is what the ants had left of it. She had begged her father to send out a searching party—"How can you be so cold-blooded, when one of your best men?" Hartley had looked at her searchingly. "What makes you so interested in Canavan, all of a sudden?"

"I'm not—not at all," she had protested. But now as she watched his tall figure striding down the street, nobody could fail to read in her luminous face just what she thought of Bill Canavan.

The entire village was following the strange procession. The soldiers had come from the barracks. McCool and Larson had fallen in step with Canavan and were insulting him wildly in their relief at seeing him safe and sound. "You dim-witted quack! What have you got there?"

"Canus Homo Moro Jura-metado," announced Canavan, and gave the rope a jerk.

IN the centre of the parade ground he stopped, surrounded by the curious constabulary. He wasted no time in proceeding with his experiment, and after whispering to Yabo, he addressed the assembled troop in loud tones:

"You were sad when the American soldiers went home, but you should have been happy. It means that this is your country—and if it's your country you have to protect it. Your enemies, the Moros, have contempt for you. They think you are fit only for slaves and that's because you act like slaves. Only when you conquer your fear will you conquer Alipang!"

The Moro squared himself on his feet as though he could understand and concurred with Canavan's words; every line of his heavily muscled, half-nude body registered contempt. Canavan turned to him:

"Here's one of Alipang's men! If you were to cut him up you'd find out he had only one heart, one stomach, and approximately twenty-eight feet of intestines—no more, no less than you have. Then what makes him a better man?" He paused impressively. "It's because he's afraid of nothing under the sun!"

The soldiers shifted uncomfortably on their feet. We brought him here a prisoner, but he's not afraid. He knows he'll be stood up against a wall and shot—but he's not afraid."

Canavan saw Hartley come out from his office at headquarters, lifting his head uncertainly as though seeking trouble. Canavan speeded up proceedings.



He took the pigskin from Yabo's hands and threw it on the ground in front of the Moro.

At the sight of the pigskin some of the constabulary died out of the Moro. Canavan turned to Miguel: "Tell him after he's dead we're going to bury him in the pigskin."

As the boy translated Canavan's words, the Moro's face was transformed; a look of growing horror contorted his features and he seemed to be overcome with a sickening fear.

As the full import of the words dawned on him, he fell shaking to the ground, screaming for mercy.

"Look at him!" Canavan shouted triumphantly. "Look at your brave Moro! How can you be afraid of a man like that grovelling on the ground like a worm and howling for mercy—at the sight of a pigskin!"

The soldiers watched this spectacle with growing amazement. For the first time they saw their dreaded enemy as a far from invincible human being, and the effect was profound.

Awed, at first, the Filipino soldiers at length began to whisper among themselves and finally laughed out loud at the scene being played before their eyes.

The padre, watching from the steps of the church, smiled delightedly; Linda's eyes were shining with pride. Hartley alone looked heavy and ominous with disapproval as he marched down his steps and shouldered his way to the centre of the crowd.

"Larsen!" he barked. "Take the prisoner to the guardhouse, and the boy, too. Yabo! Get these men back to their village. And you—" he turned grimly to Canavan, "come to my office."

But the good had already been done. As the native soldiers returned to drill they stooped in turn before the dummy of Alipang that Canavan had strung up for them. Some snapped their fingers insolently at the painted face, others muttered insults between their teeth. And a few fearlessly planted their bayonets in the sawdust body. They were no longer afraid.

Hartley was implacable. Canavan by his fool-hardy deed had jeopardised the lives of the whole village—now, inevitably, Alipang would strike! Canavan was put under arrest for insubordination, relieved of his arms and confined to his quarters. McCool, escorting him under orders, spoke to him severely: "Doc, I'll never forgive you for this foul treachery—why didn't you take me with you to the hills?"

"I couldn't think of it!" Canavan said loftily. "That would be disobeying orders."

Then he saw Linda standing on the porch of Hartley's quarters. "Excuse me a minute," he said, "some of my diffidence as he approached her. It was sort of worried that I wouldn't get back in time to say goodbye," he said diffidently.

"We were all worried you wouldn't get back at all." He looked at her lovely luminous face, and was all too conscious of the boat that would take her away, waiting, steam up, in the harbour behind them. What were the words

that would make their parting impossible—here in the sunlight—with McCool waiting at a discreet distance for his prisoner—Hartley willing to put her safely aboard the steamer. They searched each other's eyes. There were no words. "Well, goodbye," Canavan took her hand.

"Goodbye," Overwhelmed at the thought of her going, he leaned over suddenly and pressed his lips to the hand he held. With eyes, hands and lips, he tried to tell her. . . . Then he turned swiftly away and walked toward the waiting McCool.

"It didn't take me that long to say goodbye," commented the aggrieved McCool.

"Shut up, you ape!" growled Canavan.

When her father came to the door of her bedroom, Linda was unpacking. "Ready, Linda?"

Linda faced him. "I'm sorry, father. I'm not going."

"Why?" Hartley asked with an unexpected gentleness. Then without emphasis: "Canavan?" She did not speak or nod, but he could see her standing straight and still, facing him, like a soldier reporting for duty.

WHEN Canavan heard the news that Linda was staying, it was with anxiety as well as delight. Undoubtedly, she felt her father was in danger and wanted to stay by his side.

A true soldier's daughter! And here he was planning to resign from the army and put his shingle up back in the States. He'd had a stomach full of army discipline! His life was with bugs—billions of bugs—and needles and microscopes to fight them with.

Could a girl, who had wanted to be a Top Sergeant at six, be interested in that sort of fight? He was wondering about it when she came to be vaccinated.

He told her rather sententiously about Jenner as he fixed the needle. Jenner invented vaccination. "Some day the Philippines will be a nation and Kraus, who invented the repeating rifle, will get the credit. And who will it belong to? Jenner!"

She listened rather solemnly. When he had bandaged her arm she rose and thanked him, and added very gravely, "And thank you for saving my father's life. I heard about it."

So that was it! "A stupid thing to do," Canavan said, not looking at her. "It got me arrested."

"Well, after all, you did disobey an order."

Canavan's gorge rose. "Order!" he said sharply. "That's all you hear around here! Why didn't you obey your father's order to leave Mysang?"

Linda looked startled. "I'll tell you why," Canavan continued. "Because you thought your father was in danger, and you thought you should stay around. The Hartley training—the Hartley discipline—"

"Stop it!" Linda said angrily, "every time you mention my father you belittle him. You have no respect for discipline. It's plain to see you'll never make a soldier!"

"I don't want to be a soldier!" His anger was making him unreason-

sonable. "If you must worship uniforms, why don't you get one? Why don't you go home and study nursing—or else marry someone—have children—"

Linda was white with fury. "Why don't you stick to what you know about—you—QUACK!" She turned on her heel and walked out.

Just to have the last word Canavan leaned out the door. "Boil your water!" he yelled after her in mock authority.

The whole village waited no longer for Alipang's reprisal. But nothing happened. No movement broke the green face of the jungle, no piercing yells of an avenging Jura-metado froze the hearts of the natives. The village was almost more deadly on the nerves than an attack. The soldiers had taken heart after Canavan's experiment, but the enforced inactivity ate into the self-control of whites and natives alike.

ONE day two native women washing clothes in the river set up an excited jabber. A sentry interpreted to Larson: the river had gone down two feet in half an hour.

Word spread through the village: groups formed on the banks watching amazedly the water supply diminish minute by minute.

"Could it be a landslide?" McCool suggested.

"No, it happened too quickly," the judge answered.

Hartley kept asking for reports, seeming incredulous of the rate at which the river was lowering—although the fact was palpable to all.

The Datu ran up to the group of officers, his usual impassivity discarded.

"Captain, I just came back from the hills, and I see Moros carrying bamboo rocks—Alipang, he dam up river!"

Hartley's jaw squared. "Another trick to lure us into the jungle. But it won't work."

"But we must have water, Tuan—"

"There's the old Spanish well, we'll use that. We'll rig up a still and use sea water—"

By sunset the river bed was dry. Two water-buffalo fought for a place on a small patch of still damp mud under some tall reeds. Long after dark the villagers stood in knots, looking at the cracked gray earth of the river bottom where the water had once been.

In less than twenty-four hours, Hartley was at the doctor's door. "There are some bad cases of dysentery in the village, Canavan."

"Give them Mag. Sulphur," answered Bill indifferently.

"I want you to get down there at once."

"Sorry, but I'm confined to quarters."

"I've decided to suspend your arrest."

"That's very good of you, but I've decided to resign."

"You're still in uniform, Canavan," Hartley said, ominously, "and unless you obey I shall recommend your dishonourable discharge from the army."

"Fine! That will save me the trouble of resigning!" Out in the dark street Canavan heard Yabo calling his name. He stepped out and saw the Filipino half carrying a native towards the veranda.

"Sick—very sick!" Yabo cried.

Bill went down the steps two at a time. He lifted up the native's head and rolled back an eyelid.

"Yabo, get the stretcher—we've got to get this man to the hospital fast."

Yabo went off on a run and the man slumped down in Canavan's arms. He lifted the unconscious body over his shoulder and started for the hospital.

"What is it?" Hartley called from the veranda.

Canavan threw one word over his shoulder: "Cholera."

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